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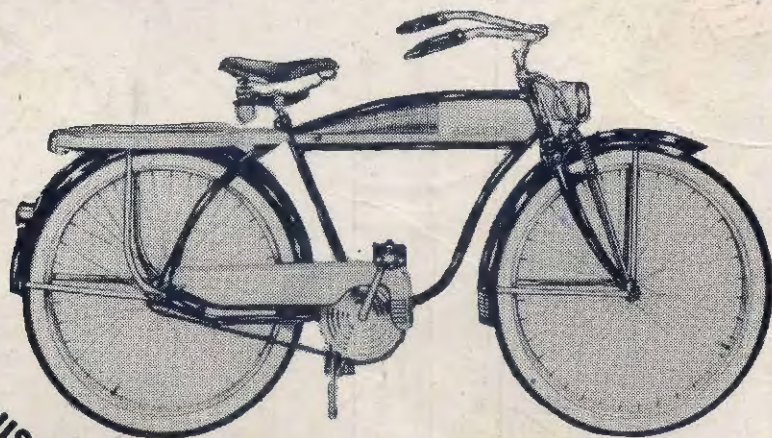
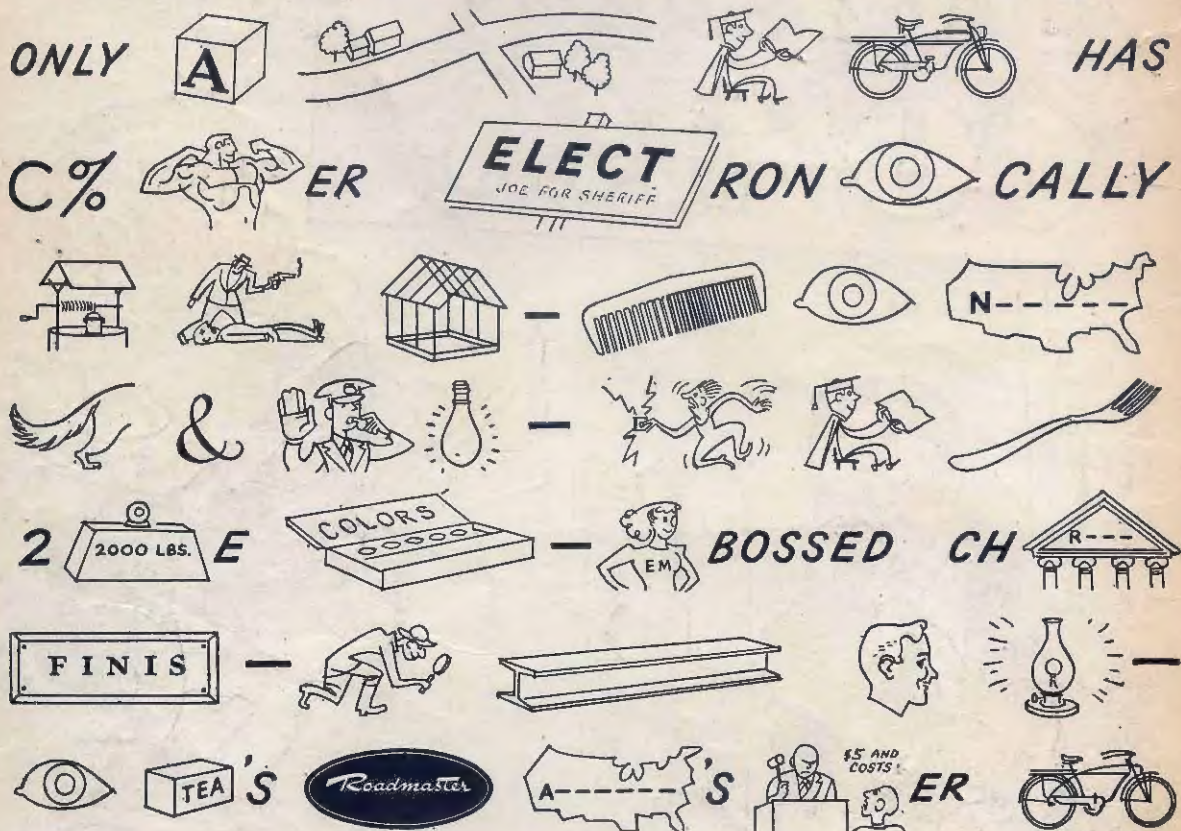
A 52 PAGE MAGAZINE

WHEN
SUPERMAN
MEETS RADIO'S
RALPH EDWARDS
HE FINDS OUT WHAT
**"TRUTH OR
CONSEQUENCES"**
REALLY MEANS!



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SUPERMAN

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SUPERMAN IS THE MOST TRUTHFUL PERSON IN THE WORLD! IN FACT, HE HAS NEVER TOLD A LIE! BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RALPH EDWARDS, MASTER OF CEREMONIES OF THAT SENSATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM—"TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES"—ASKS QUESTIONS WHICH **SUPERMAN DARES** NOT ANSWER? WILL THE MAN OF STEEL TELL THE TRUTH—OR WILL HE TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES?... SEE WHO WINS OUT IN THIS BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN **SUPERMAN** AND THE MASTERMIND OF MISCHIEF, RALPH EDWARDS, WHEN...

"SUPERMAN Takes the CONSEQUENCES!"

SO YOU REFUSE TO TELL THE TRUTH, **SUPERMAN!** ALL RIGHT—TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES!



WE TAKE YOU TO THE NBC STUDIOS IN HOLLYWOOD, WHERE THE FAMOUS RADIO PROGRAM, "TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES", IS BEING BROADCAST...



RALPH EDWARDS, THE MAN WHO GAVE THE NATION SUCH UNUSUAL CONTESTS AS "THE WALKING MAN" AND "MISS HUSH", ASKS ONE TRICKY QUESTION AFTER ANOTHER...



ONE AFTER ANOTHER, VARIOUS CONTESTANTS TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES...



ANOTHER CONTESTANT HAS PROMISED TO TELL RALPH EDWARDS ON WHICH SIDE A COIN WOULD LAND...

MR. EDWARDS DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS GOING TO FLIP THE COIN **INTO THE WATER!** I HAD TO BORROW A DIVING SUIT TO FIND OUT THAT IT'S TAILS!

YOU SEE, FOLKS — IT ALWAYS PAYS TO TELL THE TRUTH!



AND THEN RALPH EDWARDS MAKES A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT!

FOLKS, TONIGHT WE HAVE A CELEBRITY, WHO HAS CONSENTED TO APPEAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FRESH AIR FUND! ALLOW ME TO PRESENT...



NONE OTHER THAN—
SUPERMAN!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU, MR. EDWARDS.

YIPPEE!

LOOK—
SUPERMAN!



I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, **SUPERMAN**—AND I HOPE YOU CAN ANSWER IT! REMEMBER—YOU TELL THE TRUTH OR TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES! ARE YOU READY?

FIRE AWAY!



IT SELDOM RAINS IN CALIFORNIA—SO I'M SURE THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ONE INCH OF RAIN! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING IT HERE TO THE STUDIO?

YES—I THINK SO!



AS **SUPERMAN** LEAVES, RALPH EDWARDS TURNS TO THE STUDIO AUDIENCE WITH A BROAD GRIN ON HIS FACE...

FOLKS—I'M SUCH AN IMP! WHEN I ASKED **SUPERMAN** FOR AN INCH OF RAIN—I WAS USING THE METEOROLOGIST'S DEFINITION—WHICH MEANS **ONE SQUARE ACRE** OF LAND COVERED WITH AN INCH OF RAIN! EVEN **SUPERMAN** CAN'T DO THAT!

HA, HA!

THAT'S A GOOD TRICK!

ON THE AIR



BUT **SUPERMAN** HAS SEEN THROUGH EDWARDS' QUESTION...

LET ME SEE—AN INCH OF RAIN OVER A SQUARE ACRE OF LAND IS 3,630 CUBIC FEET! AND A CUBIC FOOT OF WATER WEIGHS ABOUT 62.4 POUNDS! HMMM...



AT METEOR SPEED, THE **MAN OF TOMORROW** WHIZZES DOWN TO A NEARBY BARREL FACTORY, WHERE...

SURE, **SUPERMAN**—IF IT'S FOR THE FRESH AIR FUND YOU CAN HAVE THOSE BARRELS!

THANKS! I'M TAKING JUST 603 BARRELS!

LIFTING THE BARRELS SKYWARD, **SUPERMAN** FORCES THE STAVES FREE OF THE RIMS WITH ONE CAREFULLY AIMED BLOW!

A RAINFALL OF 1 INCH OVER 1 ACRE OF GROUND WOULD MEAN 27,143 GALLONS OF WATER—OR 603 BARRELS OF 45 GALLONS EACH!

AND EXPERTLY HE ASSEMBLES THE PARTS INTO ONE HUGE BARREL WITH A CAPACITY OF 27,143 GALLONS OF WATER.

THERE'S THE BARREL! NOW TO FIND THE RAIN! MT. WAIALEALE IN HAWAII HAS THE HEAVIEST RAINFALL IN THE WORLD! THAT'S MY NEXT STOP!

WITHIN THE SPACE OF ONE SECOND—MT. WAIALEALE!

THERE WAS ONE CHANCE IN 500 THAT IT WOULDN'T BE RAINING HERE TODAY! I'VE GOT THE BARREL FULL! NOW TO GET BACK TO "TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES"!

AND **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO THE STUDIO IN LESS THAN A MINUTE...

THERE YOU ARE, MR. EDWARDS! ONE INCH OF RAIN—AND IT WEIGHS 226,512 POUNDS!

UHP! YOU TOLD THE TRUTH, **SUPERMAN**! YOU SAID YOU COULD DO IT—AND YOU DID! I GUESS YOU OUTSMARTED ME THAT TIME, YES, SIR!

PRESENTLY, LOIS LANE GETS INTO THE ACT...

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, I'LL TAKE THIS RAIN TO THE DROUGHT SECTION. THEY NEED IT BADLY.

MR. EDWARDS! I HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR NEXT QUESTIONS!

IF YOU WANT TO STUMP SUPERMAN, ASK HIM BZZZZ... BZZZZ... BZZZZZ...

HA, HA! THAT'S GREAT, MISS LANE! YOU'RE A CARD! I'LL ASK HIM THOSE QUESTIONS!

AND WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS...

ALL RIGHT, MR. EDWARDS! I'M READY FOR YOUR NEXT QUESTION!

YOU'RE READY, EH? HA, HA! WELL, HERE IT IS! ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH LOIS LANE?

Is SUPERMAN ACTUALLY GOING TO REVEAL IN PUBLIC HOW HE REALLY FEELS ABOUT LOIS LANE? THE STUDIO AUDIENCE SITS BREATHLESS WITH WONDER...

... AND THE MAN OF TOMORROW ROARS HIS ANSWER IN A VOICE SO LOUD IT TEMPORARILY DEAFENS HIS LISTENERS...

POARRRR!

OOOO! IT'S SO LOUD I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHETHER HE'S SAYING YES OR NO!

OUTWITTED BY SUPERMAN, RALPH EDWARDS' NEXT QUESTION STOPS SUPERMAN IN HIS TRACKS!

YOU CERTAINLY FOOLED ME THAT TIME! BUT HERES YOUR NEXT QUESTION—AND REMEMBER, IT'S TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES! WHAT IS YOUR REAL IDENTITY?

ULP!

AND JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T TRICK ME AGAIN BY SHOUTING THE ANSWER— THIS TIME I WANT YOU TO WRITE IT ON THAT BLACK-BOARD.

WHEW! HE'S CERTAINLY GOT ME IN A TIGHT SPOT!

PRESENTLY...

GO ON, SUPERMAN! WE'RE ALL WAITING!

ALL RIGHT! I PROMISED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION— AND I WILL! I'LL WRITE DOWN MY TRUE IDENTITY.

CAN IT BE TRUE? IS THE WORLD ABOUT TO LEARN THE PRECIOUS SECRET SUPERMAN HAS GUARDED ALL HIS LIFE?

AGAIN THE ANSWER IS—NO! FOR THE INGENIOUS MAN OF TOMORROW WRITES WITH SUCH INCREDIBLE SPEED, THE BOARD MELTS FROM THE TERRIFIC FRICTION!

HE WROTE IT, MR. EDWARDS! BUT NO ONE CAN READ IT! HE FOOLED YOU AGAIN!

I'M GLAD I DON'T HAVE SUPER-CONTESTANTS ON THIS PROGRAM ALL THE TIME!

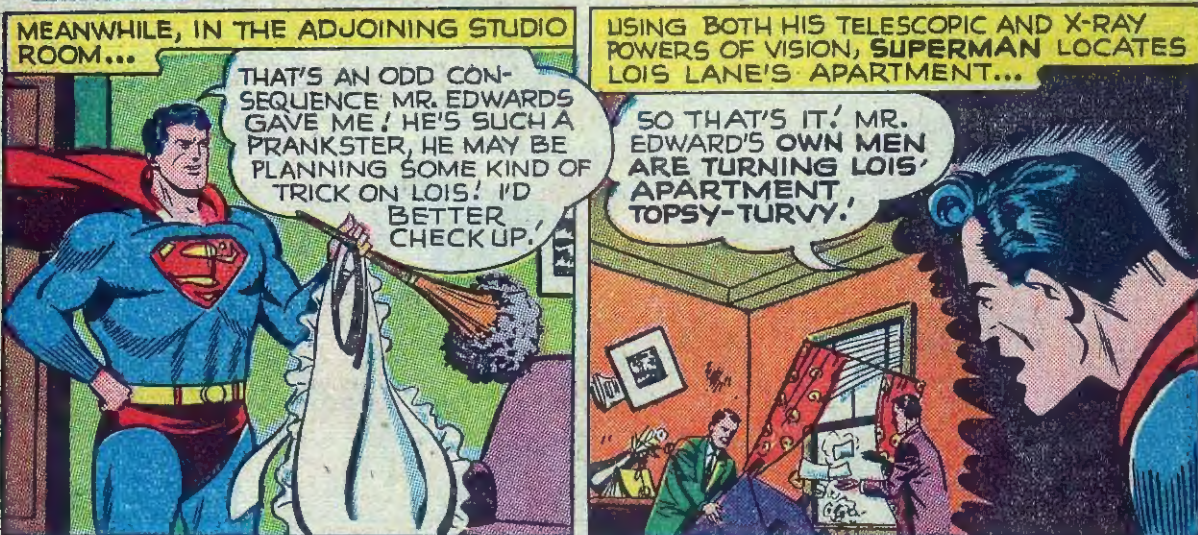
YOU LIVED UP TO YOUR PROMISE, SUPERMAN—BUT YOU TRICKED ME! SO—I THINK YOU OUGHT TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES!

YES! MAKE SUPERMAN TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

ALL RIGHT! I WILL! MAJORITY RULES!

GO INTO THE NEXT ROOM, SUPERMAN—AND PUT ON THIS OUTFIT! YOU'RE GOING TO BE A CLEANING MAID FOR LOIS LANE!

WHAT?! I DON'T NEED A MAID! MY APARTMENT IS ALWAYS CLEAN, MR. EDWARDS! HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING?



AND AT THE STUDIO!

COME OUT, SUPERMAN!

WHEW! JUST MADE IT BACK HERE IN TIME!

I'M READY, MR. EDWARDS! LET'S GO!

THE BROADCAST IS SWITCHED TO LOIS LANE'S APARTMENT, WHERE A NATIONAL HOOKUP HAS BEEN SET UP...

ONE MOMENT, MR. EDWARDS! YOU'RE POSITIVE LOIS' APARTMENT IS NOT NEAT, BUT SUPPOSE YOU'RE WRONG?

IF I'M WRONG—I'LL TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES! WHAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR MY RADIO PROGRAM IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN, AND RALPH EDWARDS GETS THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE!

THERE! MY APARTMENT IS SPOTLESS!

IN FACT I NEVER SAW IT SO CLEAN!

GOOD GRIEF! SOMETHING WENT WRONG!

I—I APOLOGIZE, MISS LANE! I WAS WRONG!

SINCE LOIS WAS THE ONE WHO WAS MOST EMBARRASSED BY YOUR PRANK, MR. EDWARDS, I THINK **SHE** SHOULD NAME THE CONSEQUENCE!

I MADE A MISTAKE, FOLKS! LOIS' APARTMENT IS AS NEAT AS A PIN! AND NOW SHE'S GOING TO GIVE **ME** THE CONSEQUENCES!

YOU MADE A HOUSEMAID OUT OF SUPERMAN, MR. EDWARDS—SO I'M GOING TO MAKE A SHOESHINE BOY OUT OF YOU! I WANT YOU TO COME TO METROPOLIS AND SHINE 1000 SHOES!

ONE THOUSAND SHOES! OUCH!

AND SO THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE VERY HEART OF METROPOLIS...

I HEARD YOUR PROGRAM LAST NIGHT, MR. EDWARDS! HA, HA! SUPERMAN SURE FOOLED YOU THAT TIME!

HE SURE DID! AND AT THE RATE I'M GOING, I FIGURE IT WILL TAKE ME THREE WEEKS TO PAY OFF THIS CONSEQUENCE!

I SHINE SHOES FOR NOTHING

FIVE HOURS LATER...

YES, MADAM—I'LL PUT A LITTLE MORE POLISH ON THE TIP OF YOUR SHOE!

THAT'S 48 SHOES I'VE SHINED ALREADY.

SAY, MR. EDWARDS! WE WANNA TALK TO YOU!

MAYBE YOU DON'T MEAN ANY HARM, MR. EDWARDS, BUT YOU'RE CUTTING INTO OUR BUSINESS, SHINING SHOES FREE!

I'M SORRY, BOYS. I DIDN'T REALIZE IT! FAR BE IT FROM ME TO RUIN YOUR TRADE!

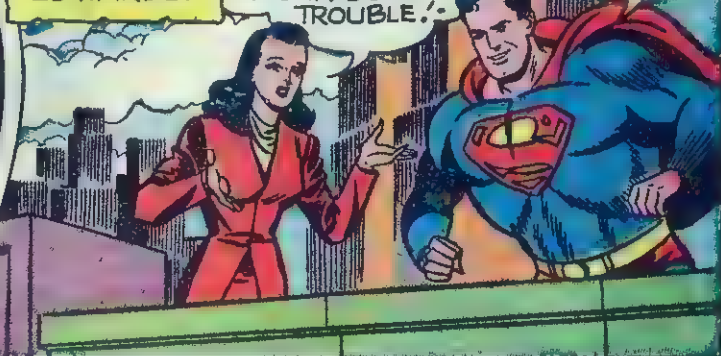


WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW? I'VE GOT TO PAY OFF THE CONSEQUENCE, AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT THESE LADS BY SHINING PEOPLE'S SHOES FREE! LOOKS LIKE I'M SUNK!

NEARBY, TWO INTERESTED SPECTATORS HAVE BEEN WATCHING RALPH EDWARDS!

I FEEL SORRY FOR MR. EDWARDS, SUPERMAN! HE'S BEEN WORKING HARD ALL DAY—AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN SOME TROUBLE!

I'LL SEE IF I CAN HELP HIM, LOIS! AFTER ALL, HE'S PROVED HIMSELF A GOOD SPORT!



THE SHOESHINE BOYS SAY I'M PUTTING THEM OUT OF BUSINESS—SO I STOPPED AFTER SHINING 48 SHOES! I'LL BE CALLED A QUITTER!

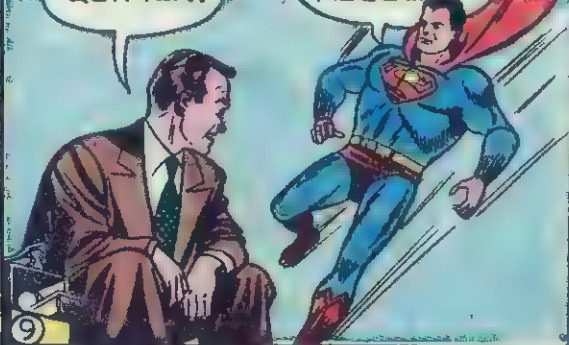
LET ME HAVE YOUR SHOESHINE BOX, MR. EDWARDS! I'LL HELP YOU SHINE SHOES THAT THE BOYS WON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT.

THE MAN OF TOMORROW SPEEDS FIRST TO THE LOCAL BLACKSMITH SHOP, WHERE...

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW A HORSE GET A SHOESHINE, SUPERMAN!

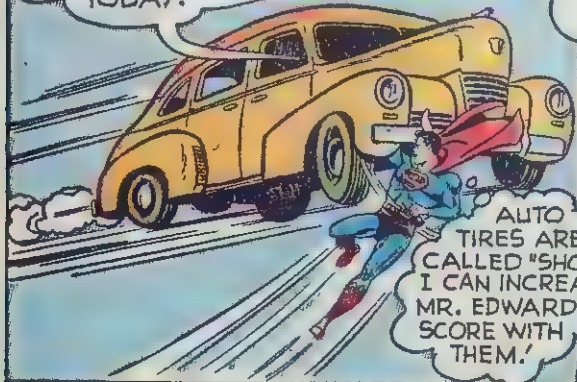
I KNOW IT LOOKS SILLY—BUT I'M HELPING A FRIEND!

I'LL SHINE ALL THE HORSE-SHOES IN THIS SHOP! THAT'LL MAKE 92 SHOES!



LEAVING THE BLACKSMITH SHOP, THE **MAN OF TOMORROW** SPEEDS TOWARD THE STATE HIGHWAY, WHERE...

HONEY, THE CAR SURE IS RIDING SMOOTH TODAY!



AUTO TIRES ARE CALLED "SHOES". I CAN INCREASE MR. EDWARDS' SCORE WITH THEM!

PRESENTLY, AFTER HAVING SHINED HUNDREDS OF AUTOMOBILE "SHOES"...

THANK YOU, **SUPERMAN**! I'LL DO LOTS MORE BUSINESS WITH MY RESTAURANT NEWLY PAINTED!

YOU'RE WELCOME!

THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A **SHOE RESTAURANT**

ONLY 137 MORE SHOES TO POLISH!

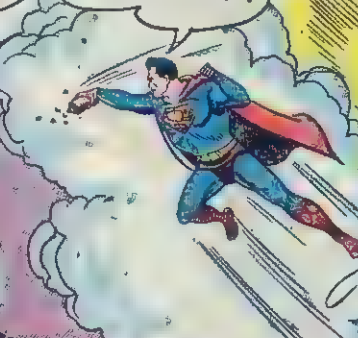


THE **INGENIOUS MAN OF TOMORROW** FINDS STILL OTHER KINDS OF "SHOES".

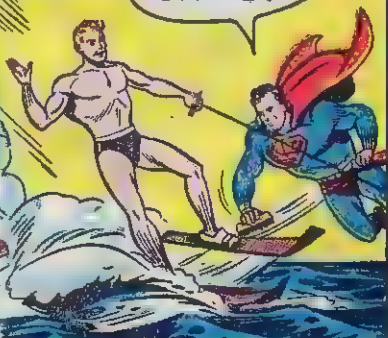
THIS METAL STRIP THAT BRAKES A LOCOMOTIVE IS CALLED A "SHOE".



THIS FLY IS KNOWN AS THE "SHOO-FLY".



WATER-SHOES! THAT MAKES 1000 SHOES!



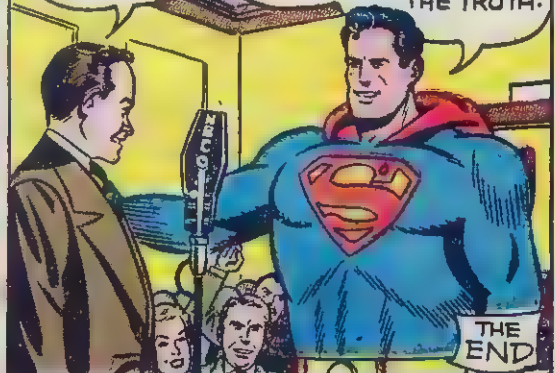
A LITTLE LATER, AT THE RADIO STATION, RALPH EDWARDS MAKES A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST...

... AND I'VE PAID OFF THE CONSEQUENCE LOIS LANE GAVE ME - WITH A BIG ASSIST FROM **SUPERMAN**!



THANKS A MILLION, **SUPERMAN**! YOU KEPT ME FROM DISAPPOINTING MY RADIO AUDIENCE!

IT WAS A PLEASURE, MR. EDWARDS! YOU'RE A GOOD SPORT! YOU DESERVE TO BE MASTER OF CEREMONIES ON TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES! AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!

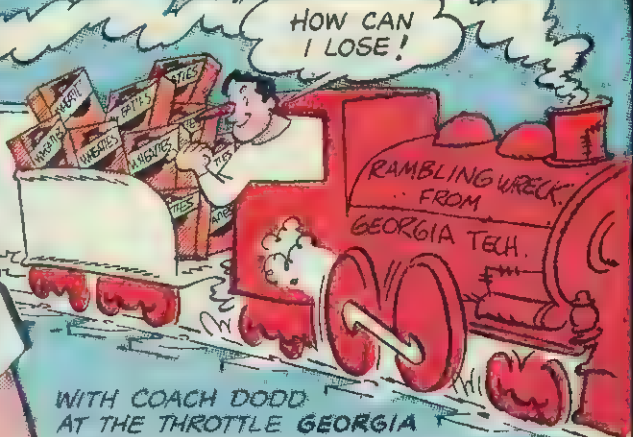


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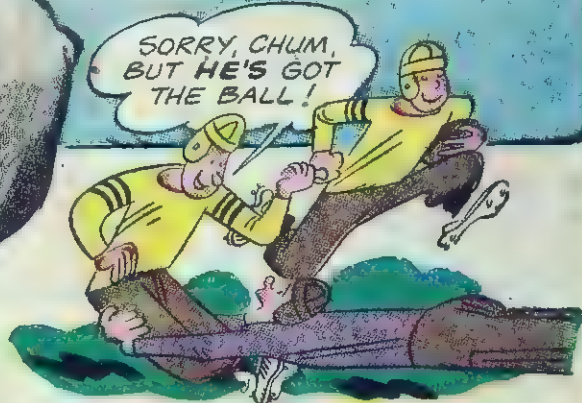
CHAMPION
FOOTBALL COACH
OF GEORGIA TECH.

Bobby

DODD



WITH COACH DODD
AT THE THROTTLE GEORGIA
TECH'S ENGINEERS STEAM-
ROLLED TO 9 VICTORIES LAST
SEASON. IN ORANGE BOWL GAME,
BOBBY'S "RAMBLIN' WRECK"
EDGED KANSAS U. 20-14 IN
BREATH-TAKING FINISH.



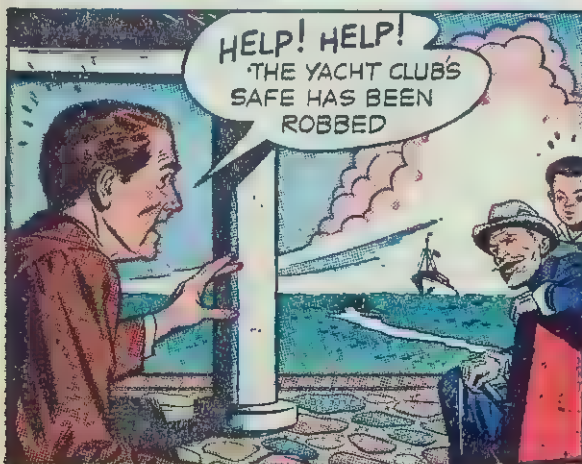
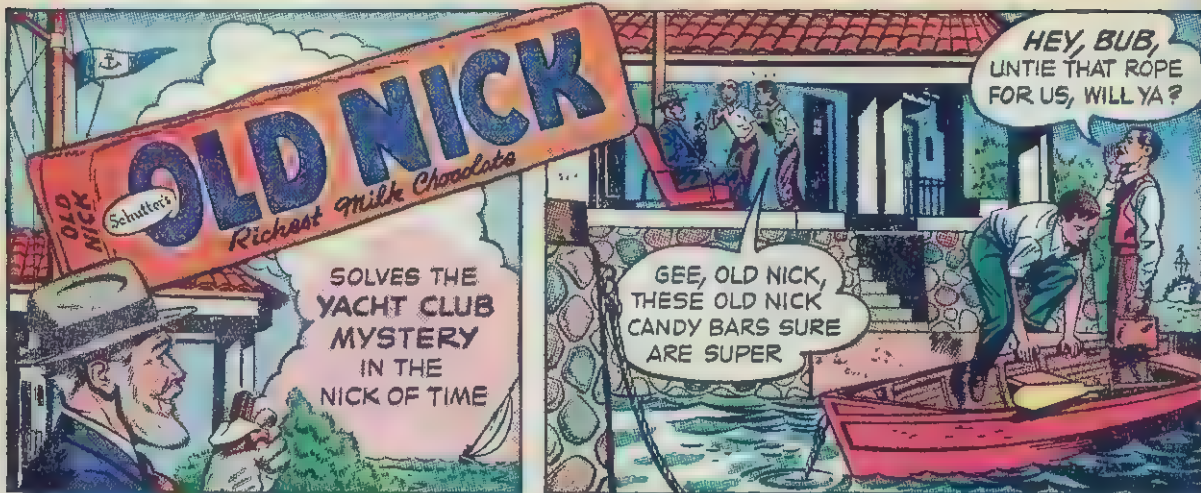
FAMOUS FOR THEIR "RAZZLE-DAZZLE"
STYLE OF PLAY, DODD'S GEORGIA TECH
TEAMS OFTEN DUMBFOUND OPPONENTS
WITH TRICKY SLEIGHT-OF-HAND BALL
HANDLING.

A COACH LIKES TO SEE HIS BOYS
EAT GOOD NOURISHING FOOD," SAYS
BOBBY DODD. "THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS
GLAD TO RECOMMEND MILK, FRUIT
AND WHEATIES TO MY TEAMS.
WHEATIES HAVE BEEN AT THE TOP
OF MY OWN TRAINING DIET FOR
A GOOD MANY YEARS
— I LOVE 'EM."

WHEATIES
BREAKFAST
OF
CHAMPIONS
WITH MILK AND FRUIT

"WHAT YOU GUYS
NEED IS NOURISHMENT"





CONGO BILL

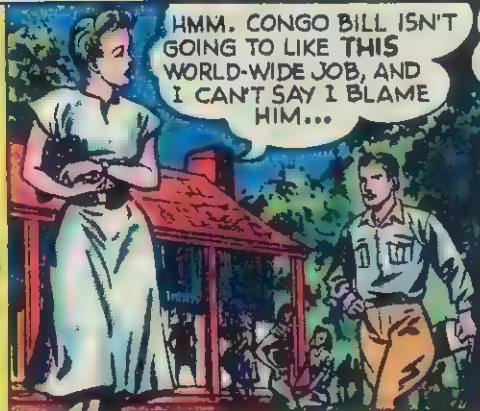
THE FABULOUS "TRUTHFUL" SMITH WAS AS SMART A CROOK AS EVER POLISHED HIS FINGERTIPS ON A SAFE. HE MOCKED AT SCOTLAND YARD, JEERED AT THE F.B.I., AND TAUNTED THE FRENCH SURETÉ. HE STOLE THE ROSCOMMON DIAMONDS, AND VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE.

THE YEARS PASSED, AND WORLD-WIDE INSURANCE COMPANY FLASHED A CALL TO CONGO BILL TO GO GET "TRUTHFUL"—IN THREE DAYS! IT WAS A NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE ORDER, JUST HOW CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE CONGO BILL LEARNED WHEN HE PURSUED...

"The Man Who Laughed At Scotland Yard!"



ON THE NEATLY CLIPPED LAWN OF THE GOOD CHAPS CLUB IN AUKLAND, NEW ZEALAND ...

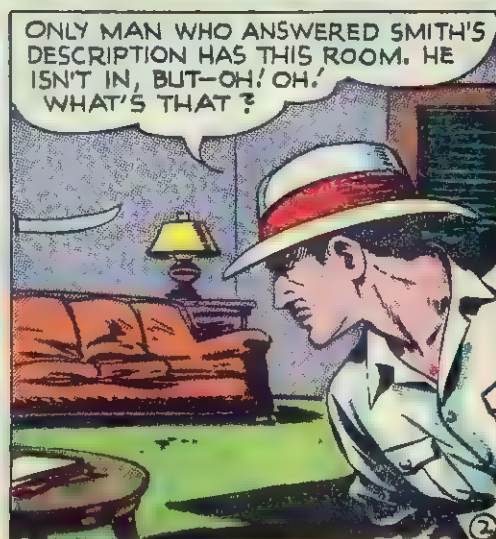
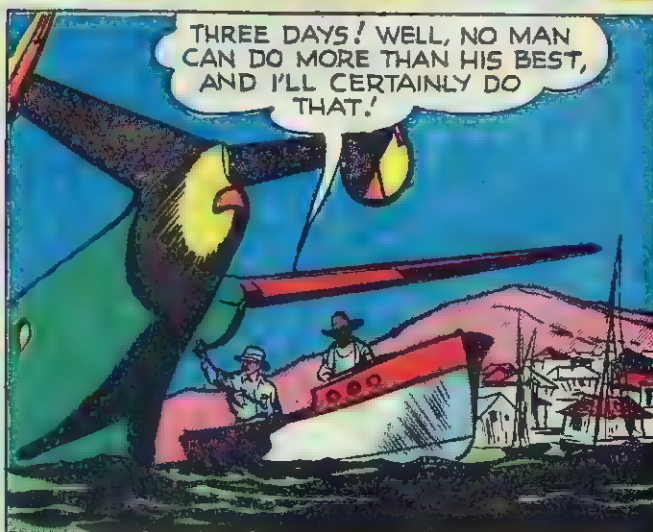
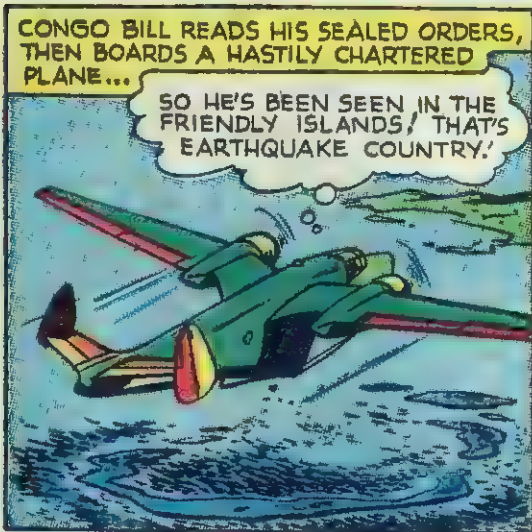
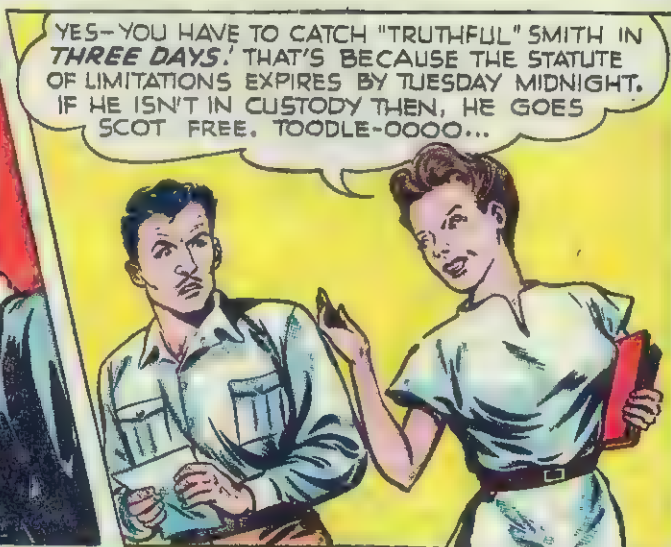
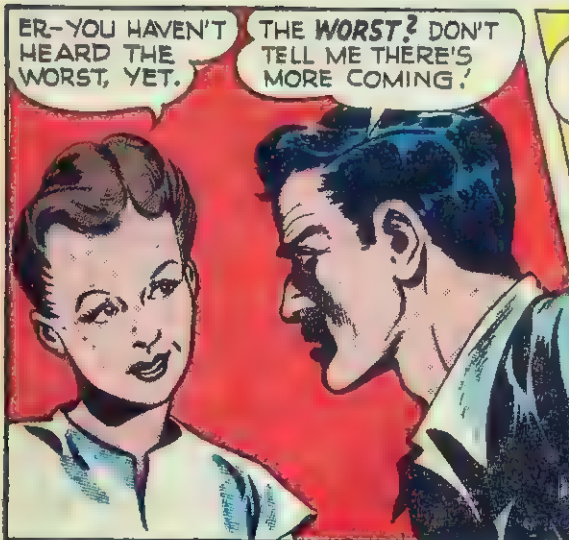


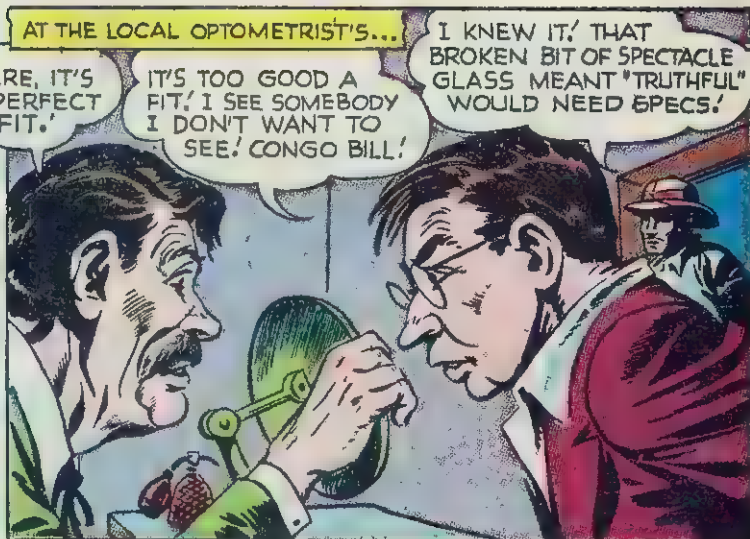
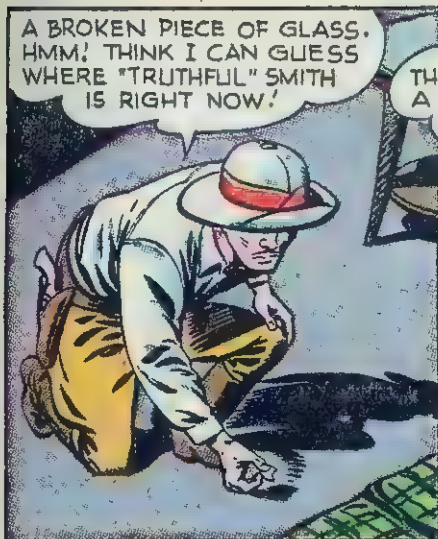
HMM. CONGO BILL ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THIS WORLD-WIDE JOB, AND I CAN'T SAY I BLAME HIM...

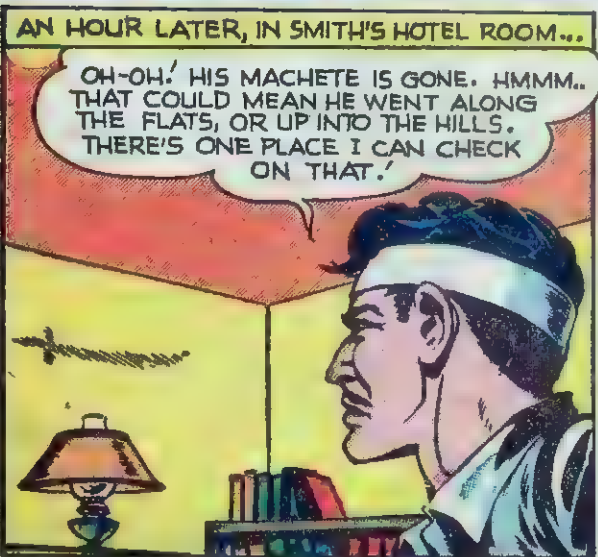
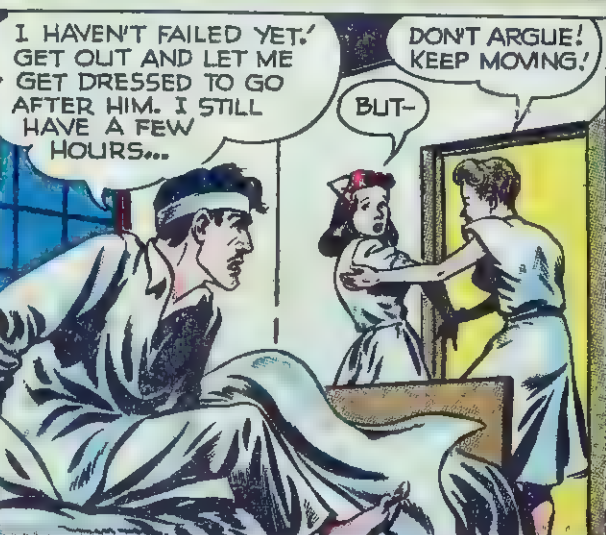
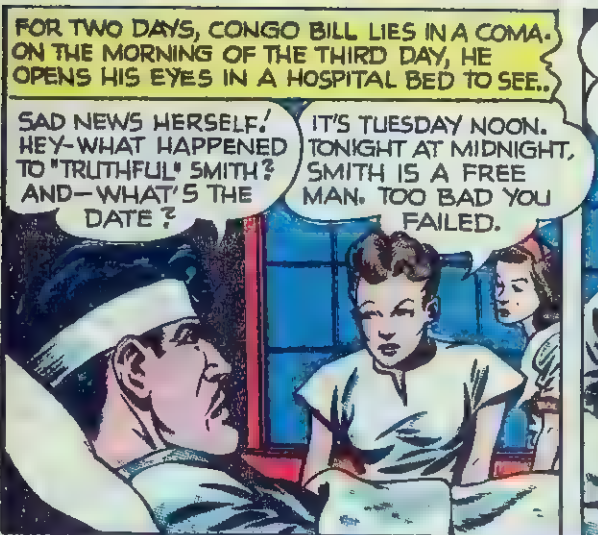
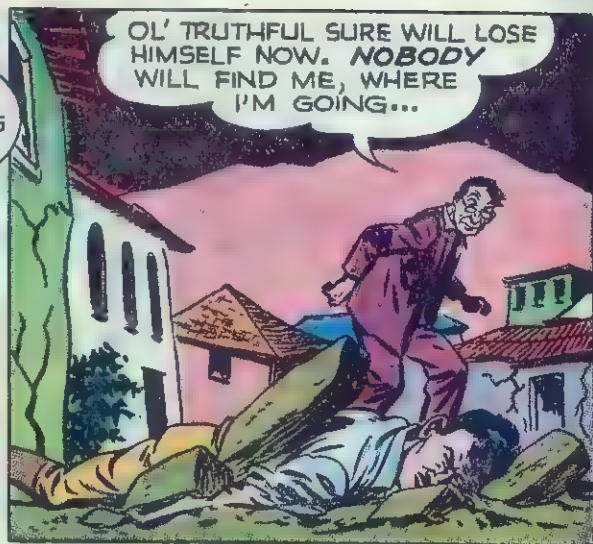
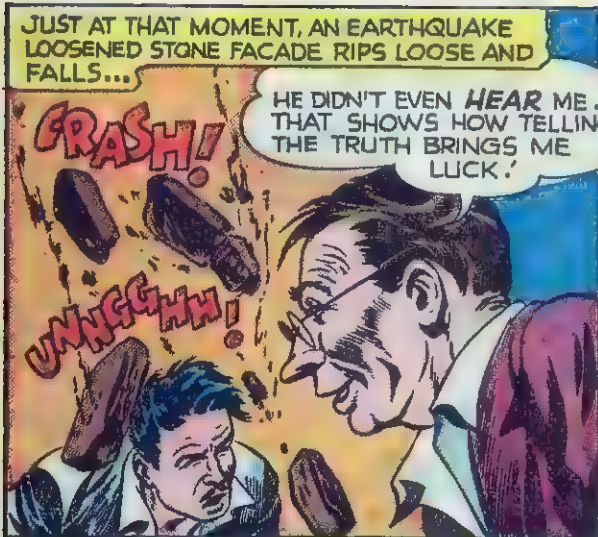
I'M CATHY HALL OF WORLD-WIDE. I FLEW IN TO GIVE YOU THIS—

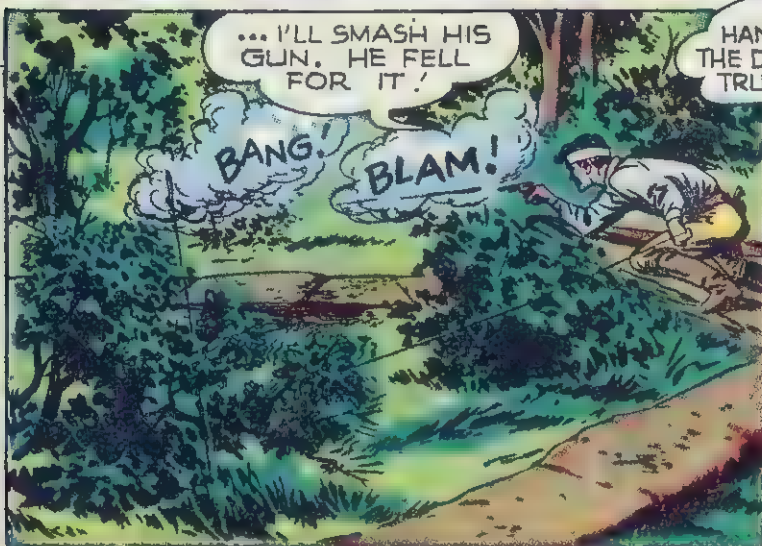
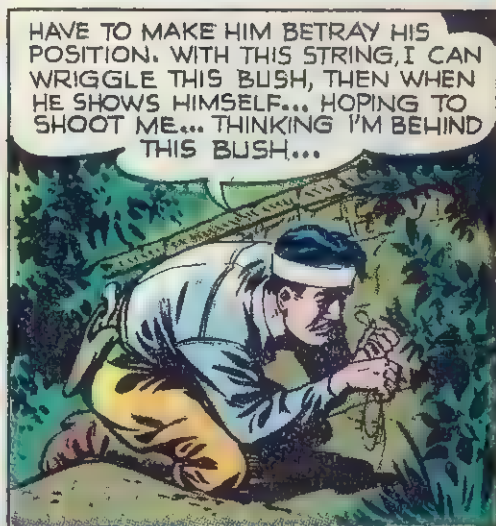
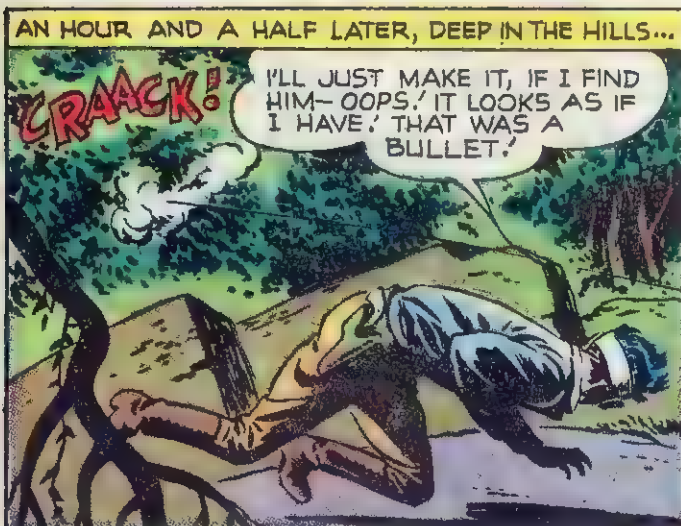


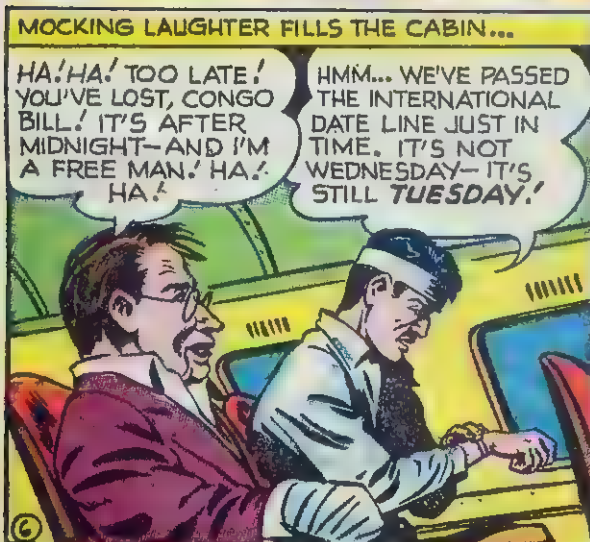
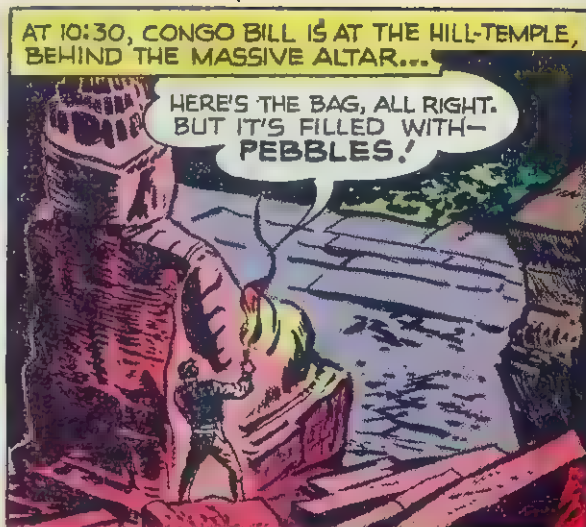
AN ORDER TO GET "TRUTHFUL" SMITH! IS THIS A RIB? THE POLICE OF THREE NATIONS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET HIM!











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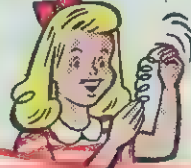


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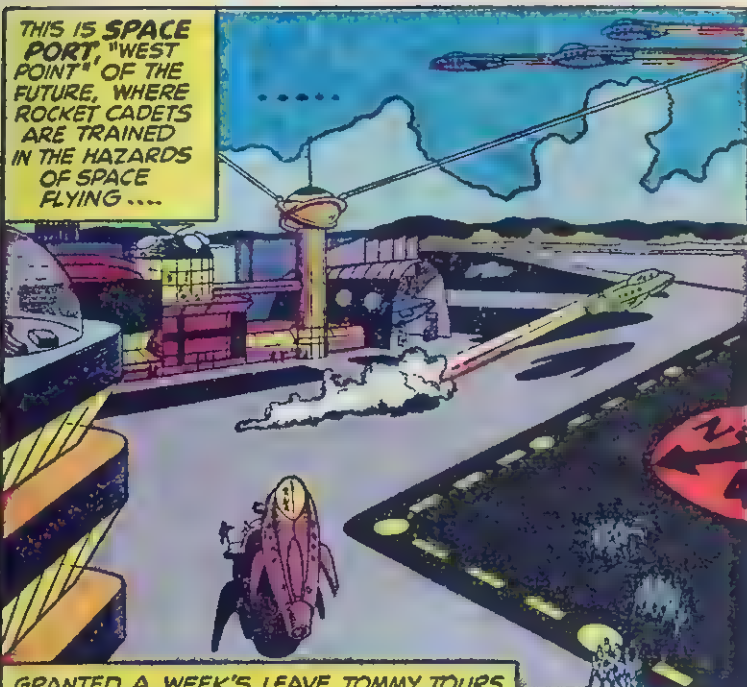
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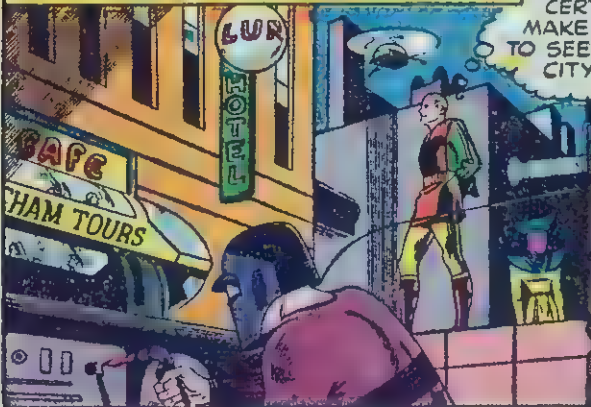
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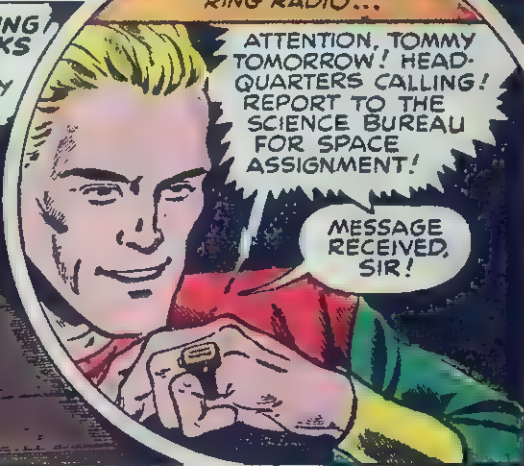
THANK YOU, SIR!



BUT FINALLY, A MESSAGE OVER HIS RING RADIO...

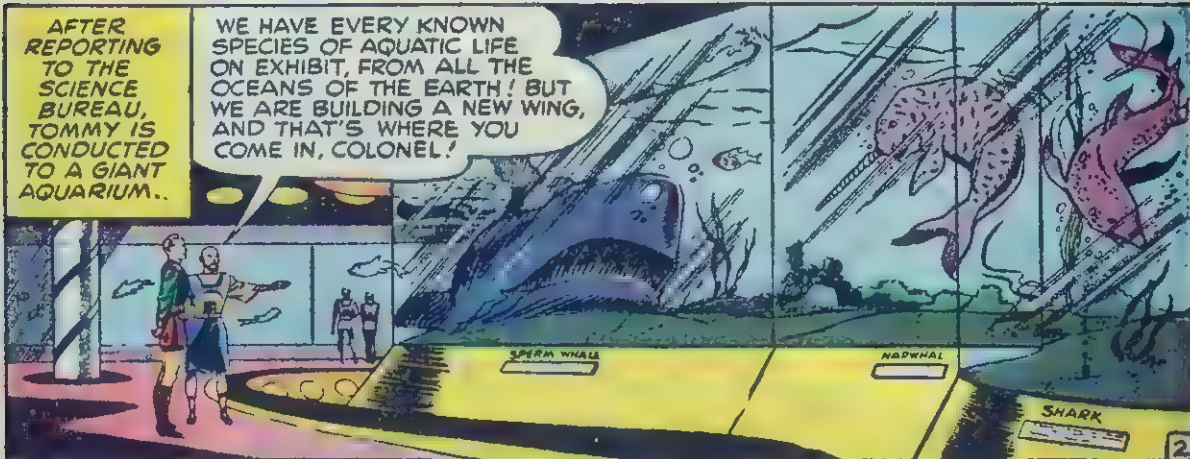
ATTENTION, TOMMY TOMORROW! HEAD-QUARTERS CALLING! REPORT TO THE SCIENCE BUREAU FOR SPACE ASSIGNMENT!

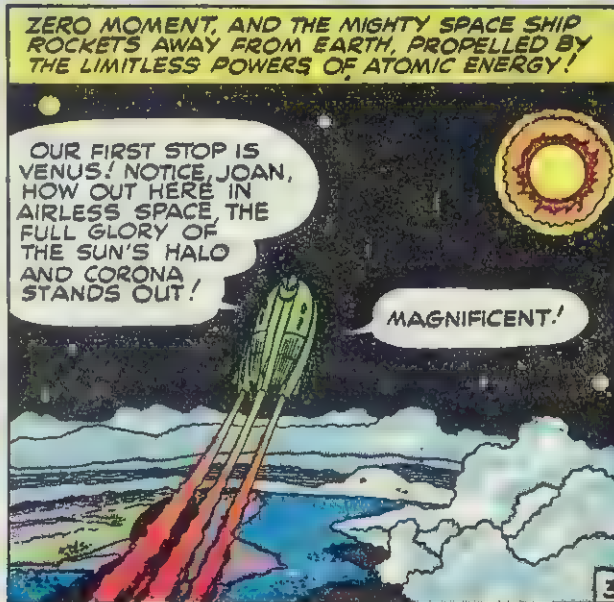
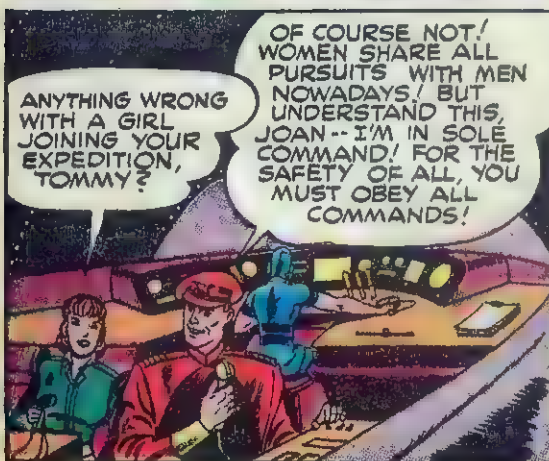
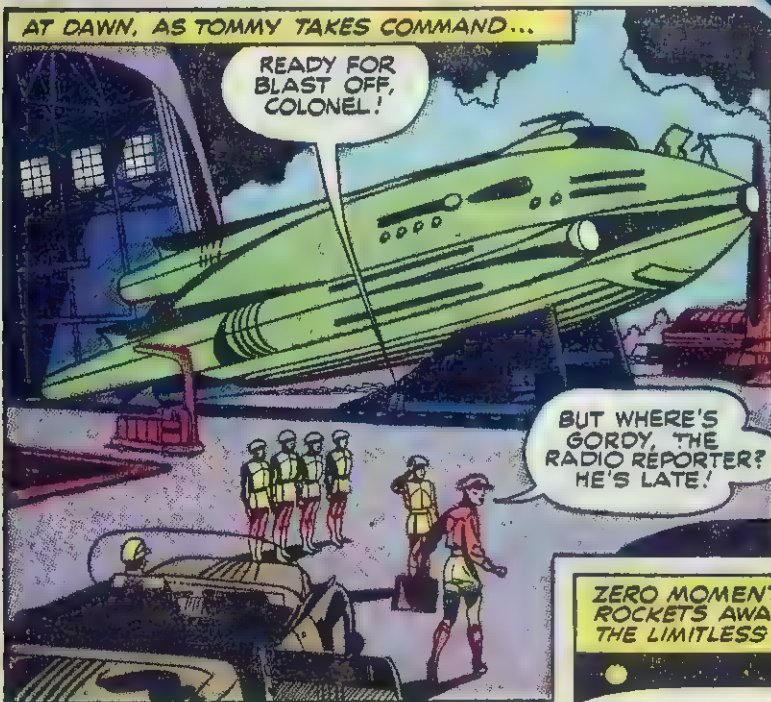
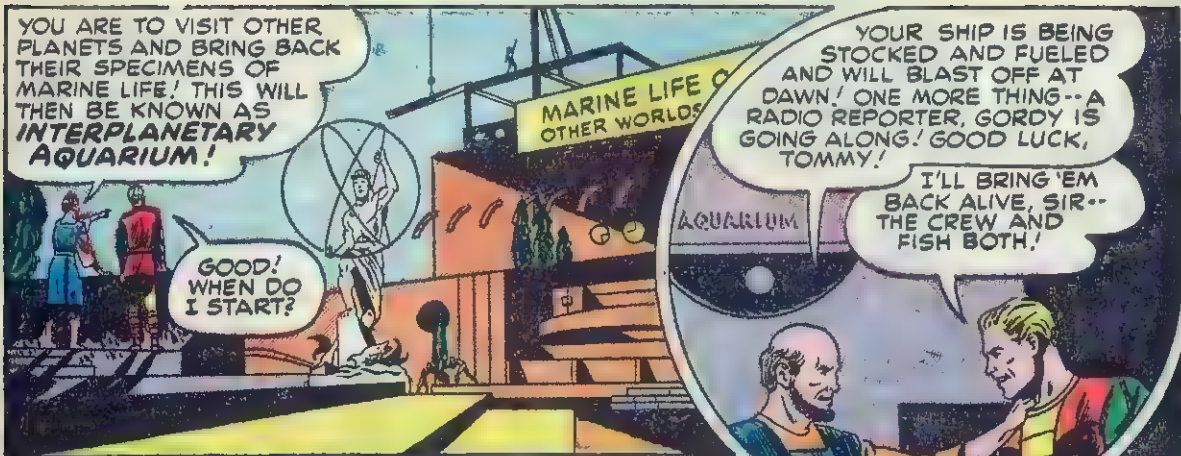
MESSAGE RECEIVED, SIR!



AFTER REPORTING TO THE SCIENCE BUREAU, TOMMY IS CONDUCTED TO A GIANT AQUARIUM..

WE HAVE EVERY KNOWN SPECIES OF AQUATIC LIFE ON EXHIBIT, FROM ALL THE OCEANS OF THE EARTH! BUT WE ARE BUILDING A NEW WING, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, COLONEL!

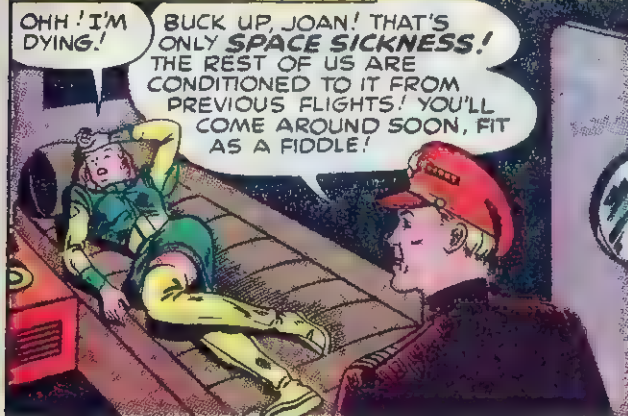




LONG DULL HOURS LIE AHEAD IN EMPTY SPACE, AS THEY PLUNGE ON AT THOUSANDS OF MILES A SECOND, AND SOON ...

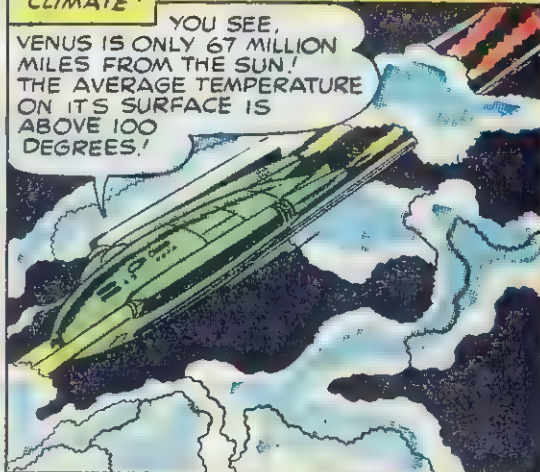
OH! I'M DYING!

BUCK UP, JOAN! THAT'S ONLY **SPACE SICKNESS!** THE REST OF US ARE CONDITIONED TO IT FROM PREVIOUS FLIGHTS! YOU'LL COME AROUND SOON, FIT AS A FIDDLE!

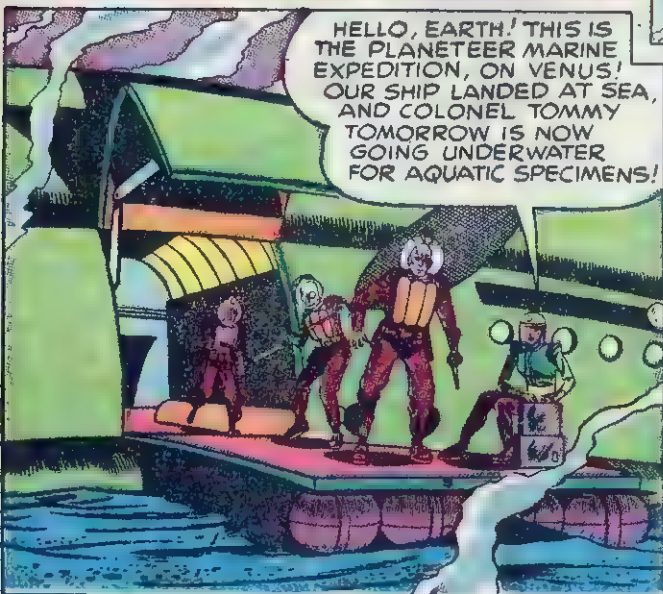


VENUS IS REACHED, SISTER WORLD OF EARTH, ETERNALLY CLOAKED BY THE STEAMY CLOUDS OF AN ULTRA-TROPICAL CLIMATE!

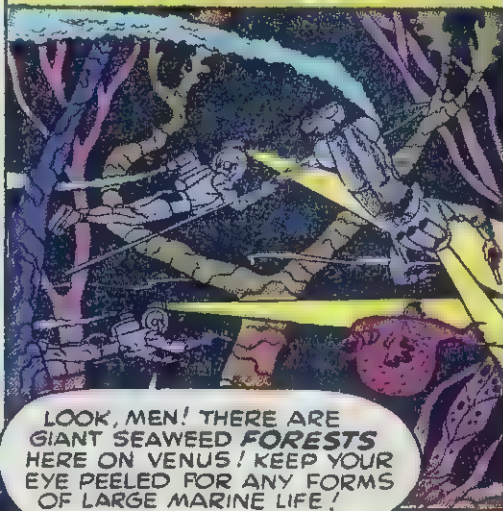
YOU SEE, VENUS IS ONLY 67 MILLION MILES FROM THE SUN! THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE ON ITS SURFACE IS ABOVE 100 DEGREES!



HELLO, EARTH! THIS IS THE PLANETEER MARINE EXPEDITION, ON VENUS! OUR SHIP LANDED AT SEA, AND COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW IS NOW GOING UNDERWATER FOR AQUATIC SPECIMENS!



FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN SPECIAL POWERED DIVING SUITS, TOMMY AND HIS MEN EXPLORE THE UNDERSEA MYSTERIES OF VENUS!

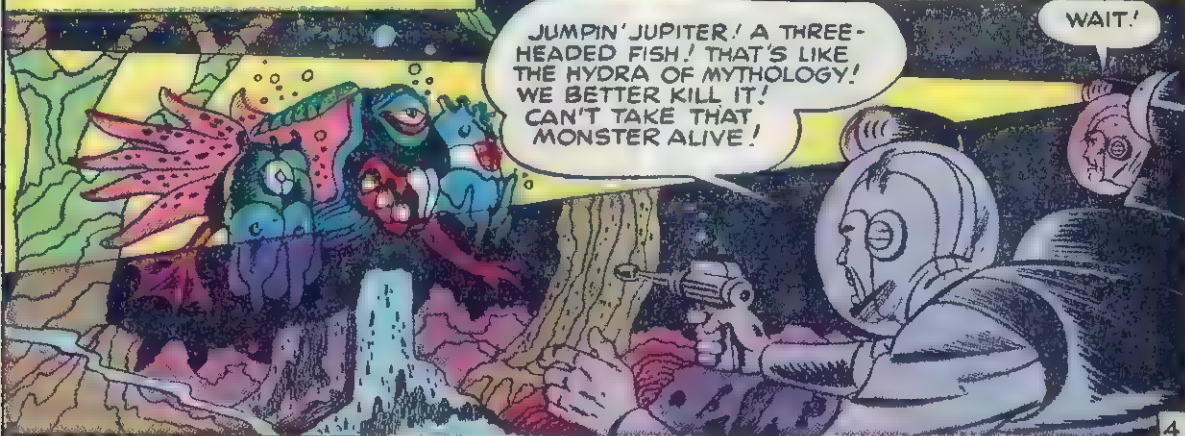


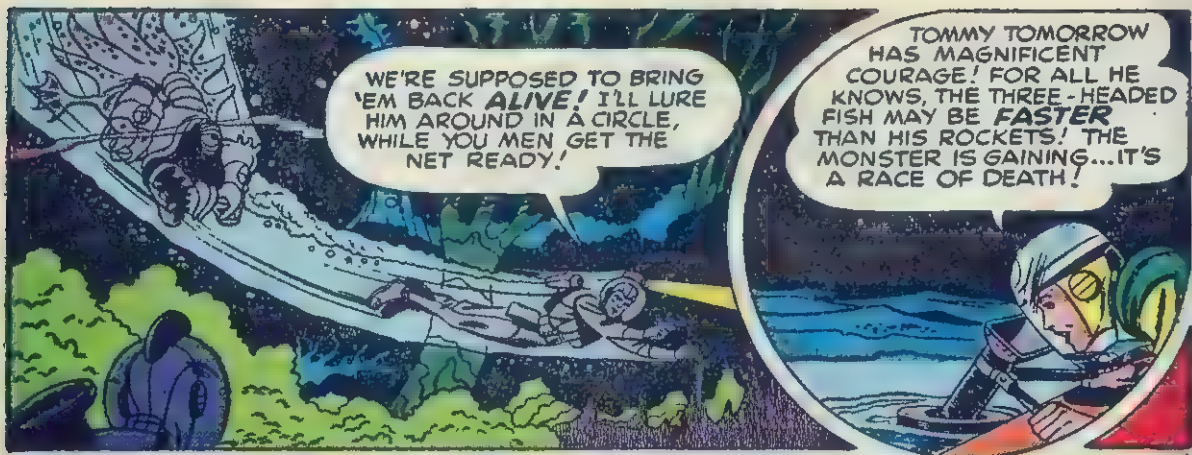
LOOK, MEN! THERE ARE GIANT SEAWEED **FORESTS** HERE ON VENUS! KEEP YOUR EYE PEELED FOR ANY FORMS OF LARGE MARINE LIFE!

SUDDENLY, THERE IS ATTACK BY A NIGHTMARISH CREATURE UNDREAMED OF BY EARTHLY SCIENCE!

JUMPIN' JUPITER! A THREE-HEADED FISH! THAT'S LIKE THE HYDRA OF MYTHOLOGY! WE BETTER KILL IT! CAN'T TAKE THAT MONSTER ALIVE!

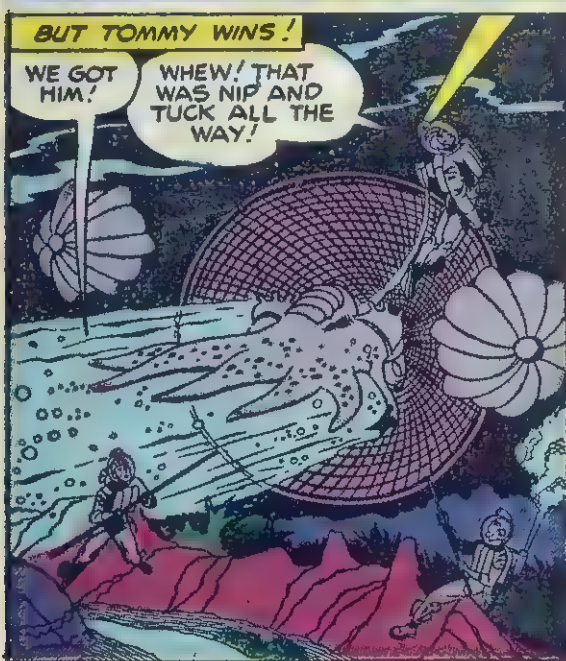
WAIT!





WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BRING 'EM BACK **ALIVE!** I'LL LURE HIM AROUND IN A CIRCLE, WHILE YOU MEN GET THE NET READY!

TOMMY TOMORROW HAS MAGNIFICENT COURAGE! FOR ALL HE KNOWS, THE THREE-HEADED FISH MAY BE **FASTER** THAN HIS ROCKETS! THE MONSTER IS GAINING...IT'S A RACE OF DEATH!



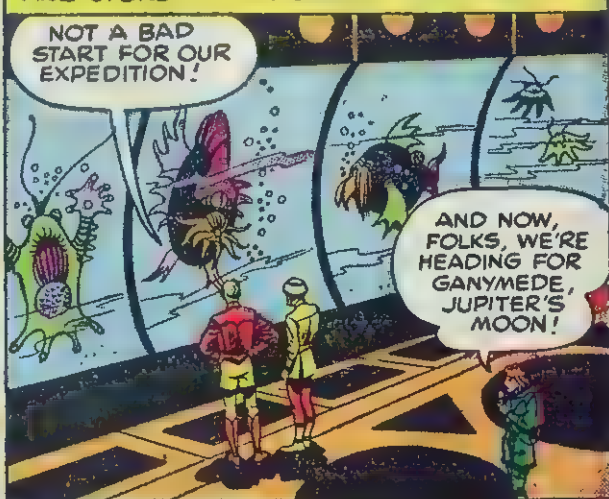
BUT TOMMY WINS!

WE GOT HIM!

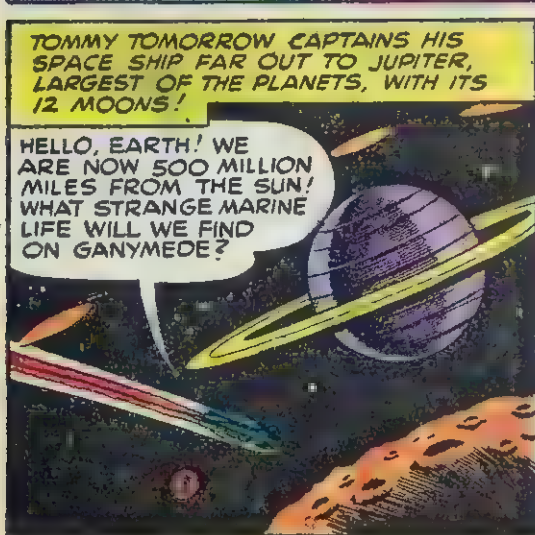
WHEW! THAT WAS NIP AND TUCK ALL THE WAY!

MANY LESSER MARINE SPECIMENS ARE CAPTURED IN THE FOLLOWING HOURS, AND ARE STORED IN THE SPECIAL TANK ROOM!

NOT A BAD START FOR OUR EXPEDITION!

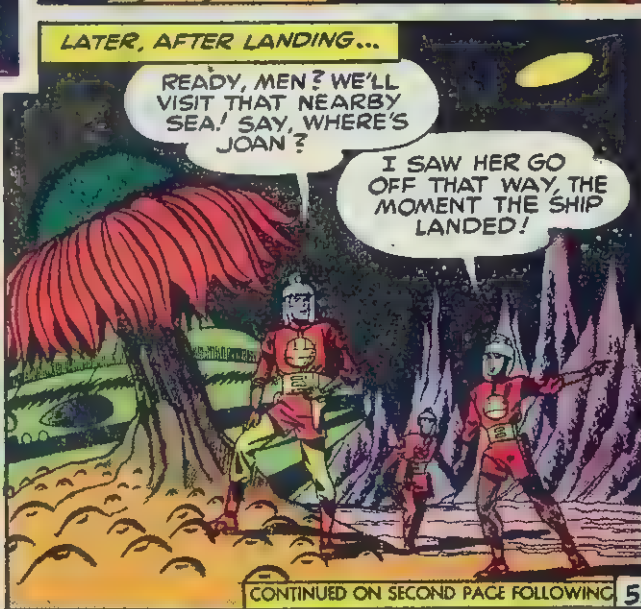


AND NOW, FOLKS, WE'RE HEADING FOR GANYMEDE, JUPITER'S MOON!



TOMMY TOMORROW CAPTAINS HIS SPACE SHIP FAR OUT TO JUPITER, LARGEST OF THE PLANETS, WITH ITS 12 MOONS!

HELLO, EARTH! WE ARE NOW 500 MILLION MILES FROM THE SUN! WHAT STRANGE MARINE LIFE WILL WE FIND ON GANYMEDE?



LATER, AFTER LANDING...

READY, MEN? WE'LL VISIT THAT NEARBY SEA! SAY, WHERE'S JOAN?

I SAW HER GO OFF THAT WAY, THE MOMENT THE SHIP LANDED!

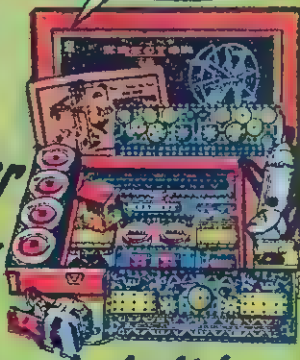
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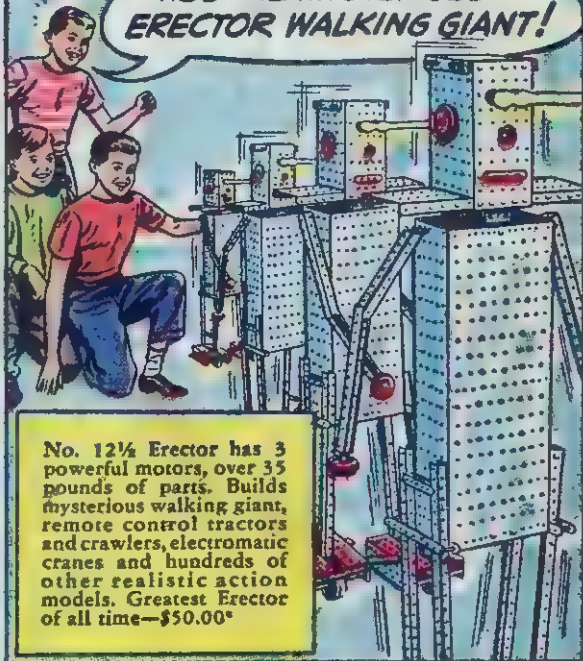
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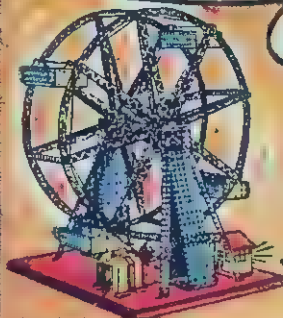


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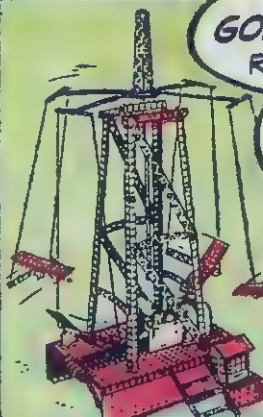
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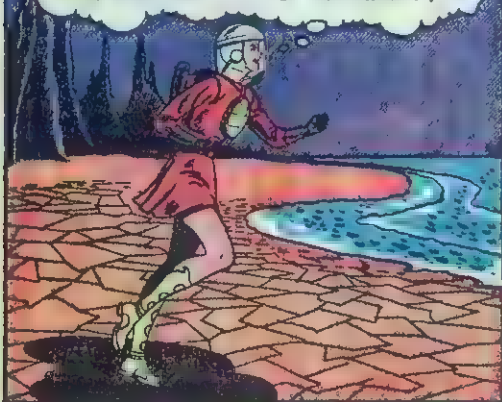
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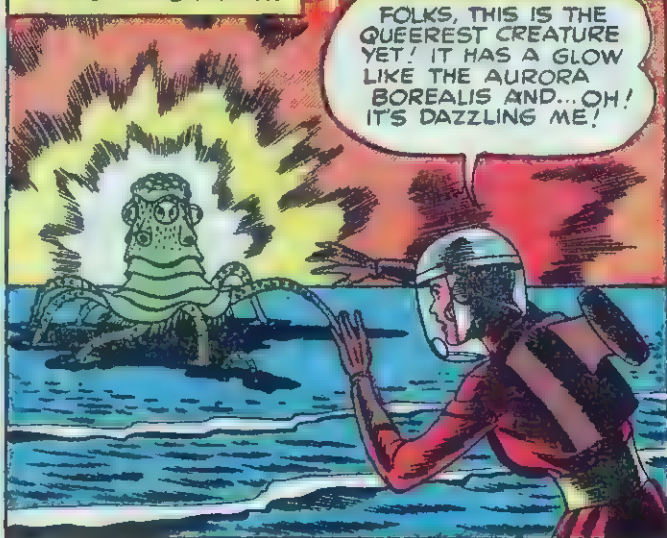
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I BORROWED THIS SPACE SUIT! IF I CAN SPOT SOME STRANGE NEW CREATURES. **FIRST**, BEFORE TOMMY, WHAT A **SCOOP** THAT'LL BE FOR MY RADIO AUDIENCE!



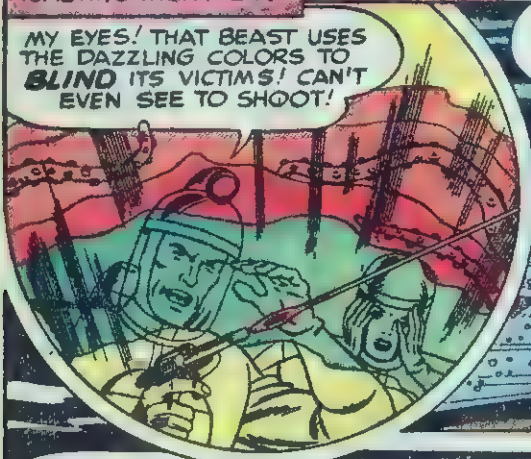
BUT SUDDEN DOOM CONFRONTS THE RECKLESS RADIO REPORTER...



FOLKS, THIS IS THE QUEEREST CREATURE YET! IT HAS A GLOW LIKE THE AURORA BOREALIS AND... OH! IT'S DAZZLING ME!

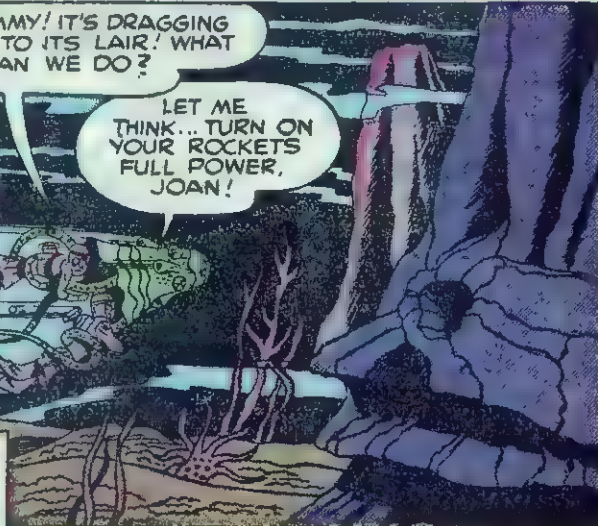
EVEN TOMMY TOMORROW FALLS VICTIM TO THE WEIRD COLOR-CASTING MONSTER!

MY EYES! THAT BEAST USES THE DAZZLING COLORS TO **BLIND** ITS VICTIMS! CAN'T EVEN SEE TO SHOOT!



TOMMY! IT'S DRAGGING US TO ITS LAIR! WHAT CAN WE DO?

LET ME THINK... TURN ON YOUR ROCKETS FULL POWER, JOAN!

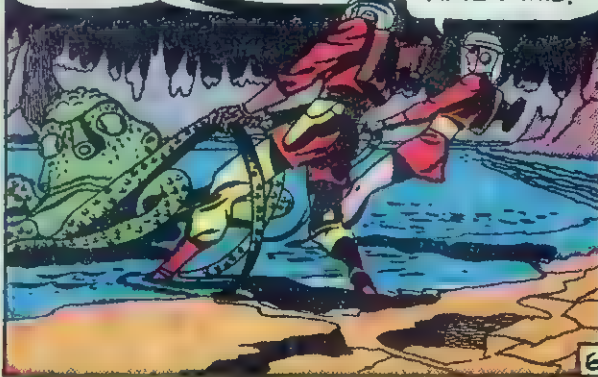


NOW **PUSH** THE MONSTER AGAINST THAT CLIFF, BEFORE HE CAN TURN INTO HIS CAVE!



THAT STUNNED IT! SO WE CAPTURED IT ALIVE!

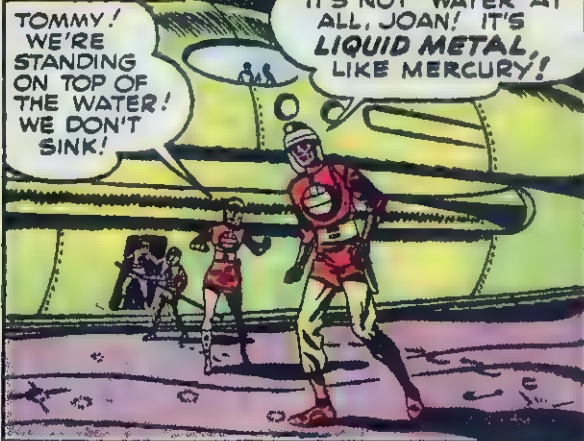
IT'S ALL MY FAULT. I DISOBEYED ORDERS, AND NEARLY GOT US BOTH KILLED! I'M SORRY, TOMMY! I'LL BEHAVE AFTER THIS!



THE NEXT STOP IS TITAN, MOON OF SATURN, AND HERE, AN AMAZING ODDITY IS DISCOVERED!

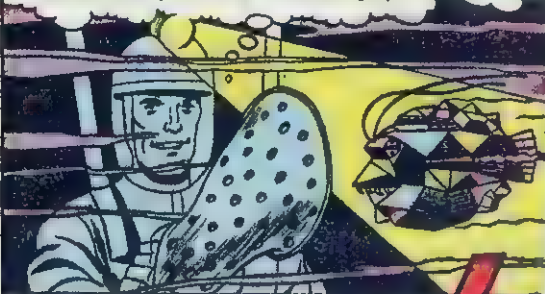
TOMMY! WE'RE STANDING ON TOP OF THE WATER! WE DON'T SINK!

IT'S NOT "WATER" AT ALL, JOAN! IT'S LIQUID METAL, LIKE MERCURY!



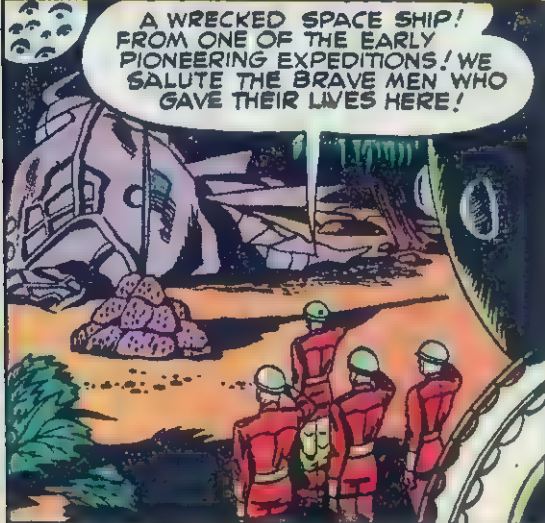
BUT NATURE HAS MANY STRANGE TRICKS, AND BELOW, TOMMY COMES UPON AN INCREDIBLE FORM OF LIFE!

A CRYSTALLINE FISH! IT MUST BE MADE OF SILICON COMPOUNDS, LIKE SAND! IT'S THE ONLY FORM OF LIFE THAT COULD WITHSTAND THIS ENORMOUS PRESSURE! I'LL BRING IT UP!

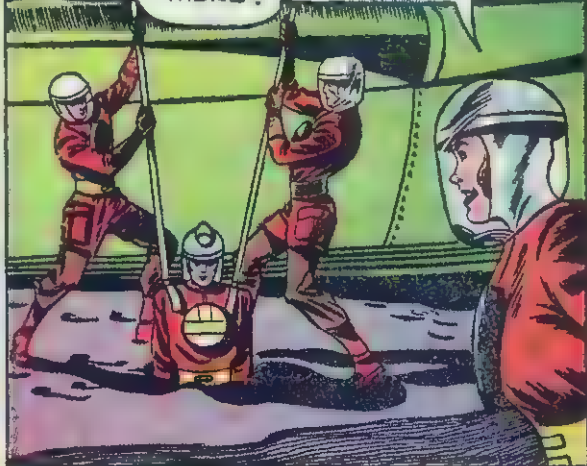


UMBRIEL, MOON OF URANUS, IS THE NEXT STOP, AND HERE A TRAGIC RELIC IS FOUND!

A WRECKED SPACE SHIP! FROM ONE OF THE EARLY PIONEERING EXPEDITIONS! WE SALUTE THE BRAVE MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES HERE!

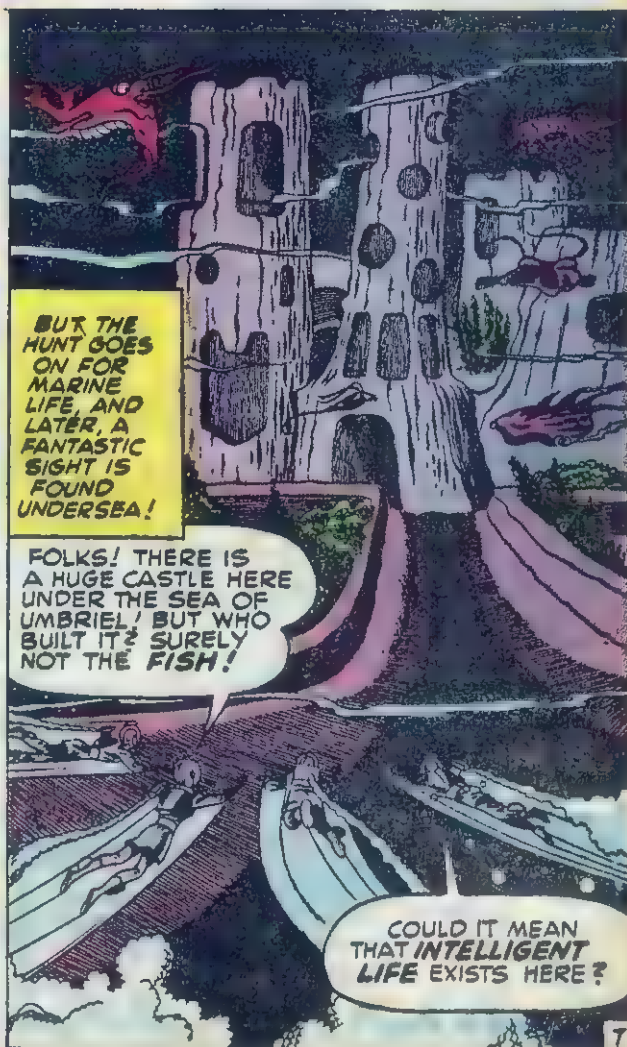


THIS IS ALMOST FUNNY, FOLKS! THE MEN ARE PUSHING TOMMY UNDER THE SURFACE OF THIS METALLIC SEA! AND HOW CAN THERE BE ANY LIFE DOWN THERE?

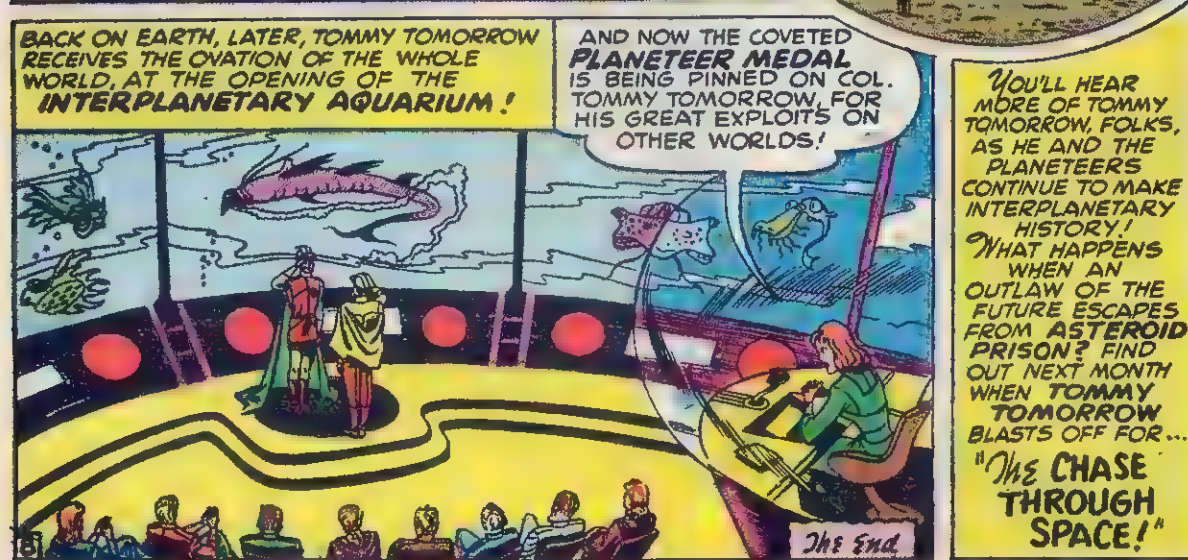
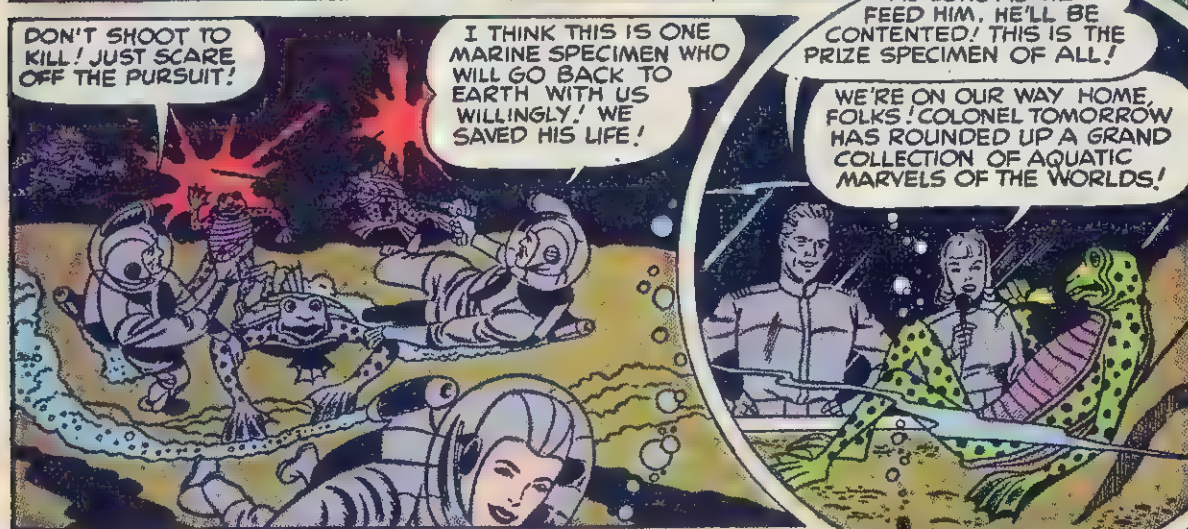
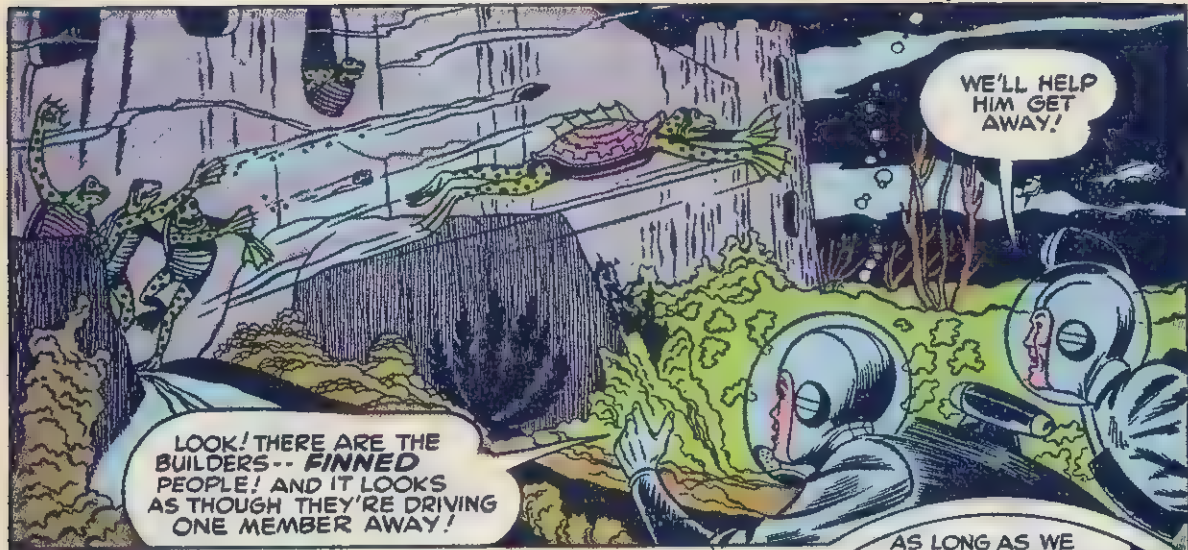


BUT THE HUNT GOES ON FOR MARINE LIFE, AND LATER, A FANTASTIC SIGHT IS FOUND UNDERSEA!

FOLKS! THERE IS A HUGE CASTLE HERE UNDER THE SEA OF UMBRIEL! BUT WHO BUILT IT? SURELY NOT THE FISH!



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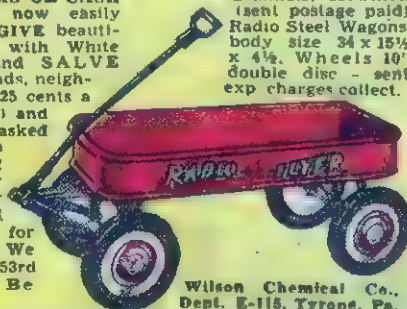
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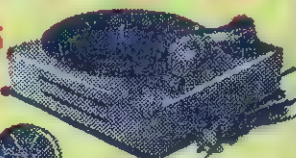
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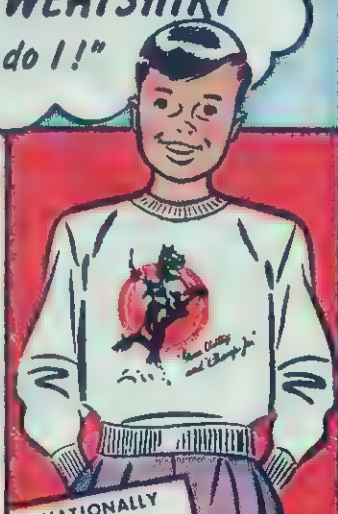
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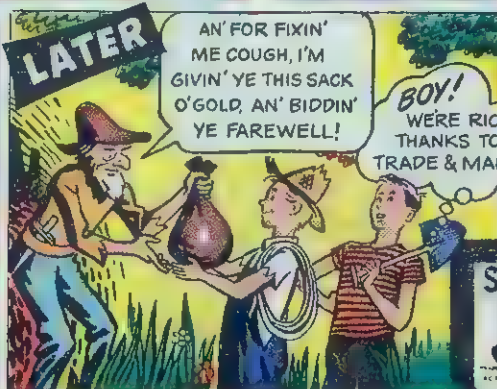
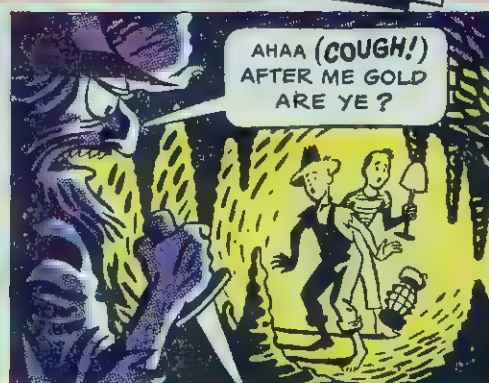
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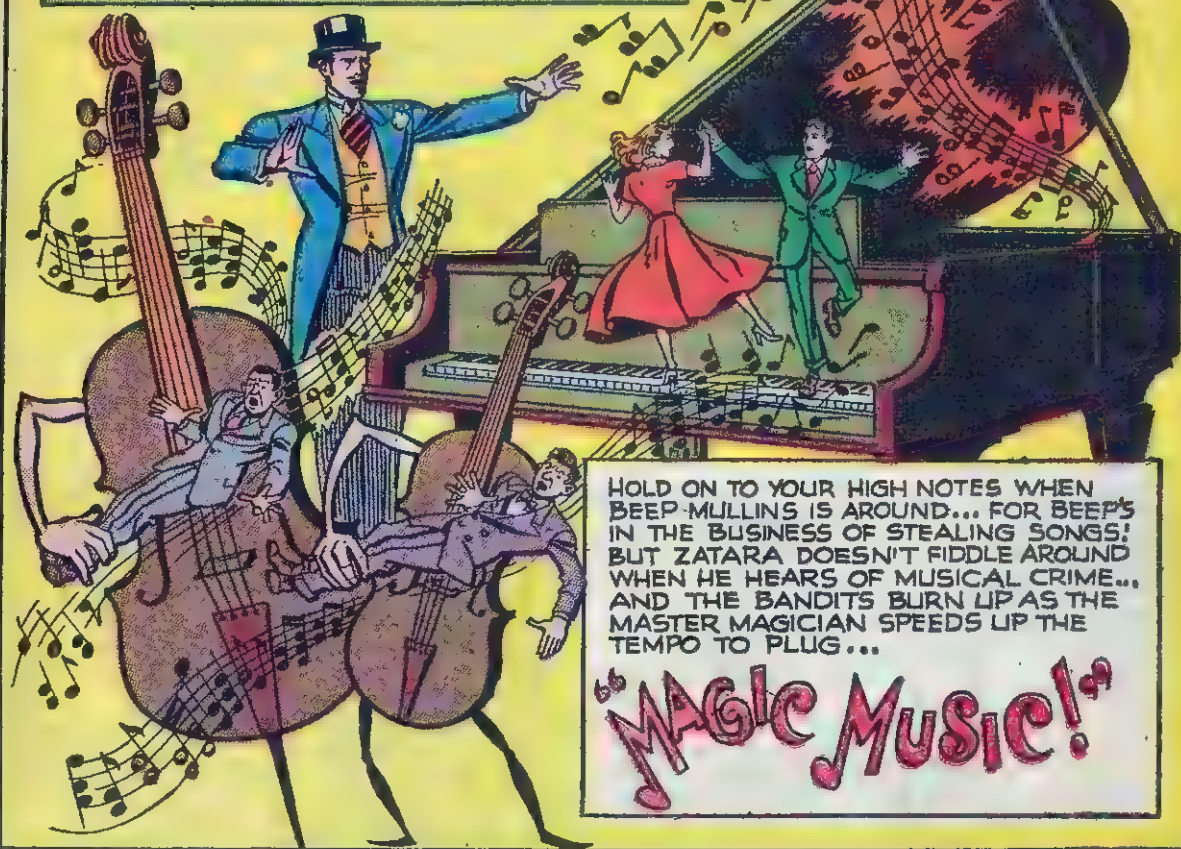
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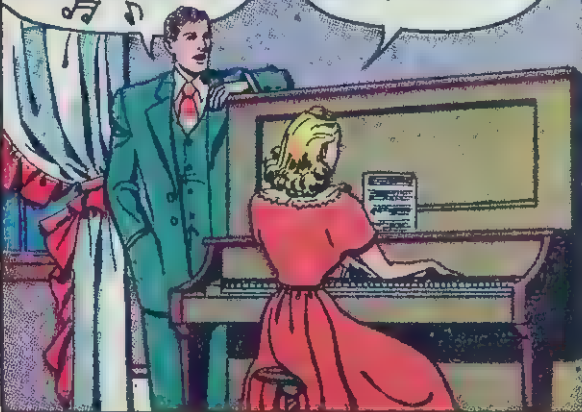
HOLD ON TO YOUR HIGH NOTES WHEN BEEP-MULLINS IS AROUND... FOR BEEP'S IN THE BUSINESS OF STEALING SONGS! BUT ZATARA DOESN'T FIDDLE AROUND WHEN HE HEARS OF MUSICAL CRIME... AND THE BANDITS BURN UP AS THE MASTER MAGICIAN SPEEDS UP THE TEMPO TO PLUG...

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AT AN OLD BROKEN-DOWN PIANO, TOMMY KANE MAKES MUSIC... AND DREAMS OF A GOLDEN FUTURE!

THERE'S HEAVEN IN YOUR SMILE...

IT'S A WONDERFUL SONG, TOMMY!



GOSH, LINDA, I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT. IT'S GOING TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW! COST ME \$500... EVERY CENT I COULD RAISE ... BUT IT'LL MAKE ME RICH.

DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH, TOMMY!



WHY NOT? MAESTRO MUSIC MAKERS... THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ENCOURAGED ME TO WRITE IT... THEY THINK IT'S WONDERFUL! THEY WOULDN'T PUBLISH IT IF THEY DIDN'T!

I'M SO GLAD FOR YOU.

BUT AT MAESTRO MUSIC, BEERMULLINS HAS DIFFERENT IDEAS!

CORNY, I'M DISAPPOINTED! THIS MUSIC AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO STEAL!

AIN'T IT A SHAME, BEEP! WE GIVE THESE GUYS ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WORLD...

WE PROMISE TO PUBLISH THE STUFF, WE TAKE THEIR 500 SMACKERS ...AND THEY EXPECT US TO DO MORE!

THE ONE GOOD THING ABOUT IT IS... WE GOT THE 500! NO WONDER WE GOT THE BLUES!

MEANWHILE, AT A MUSICIANS' CONVENTION... ZATARA, MASTER MAGICIAN, ENTERTAINS!

I NEVER TOOK A MUSIC LESSON IN MY LIFE... BUT DON'T LAUGH WHEN I SIT DOWN AT THE PIANO!

YALP, ELDDIF!*

I SURE WILL, ZATARA!

NOT SAD ENOUGH! EKAM EHT ESUOH DEHS SRAET.

*READ ZATARA'S MAGIC WORDS BACKWARDS!

STOP, ZATARA! THERE ARE SO MANY TEARS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FLOOD!

SURE, I'LL STOP IT... THAT'S AN EASY THING TO DO!



NEXT, ZATARA CONDUCTS A NO-MAN BAND!

NICE RHYTHM, THERE, DRUM!

THANKS, ZATARA!



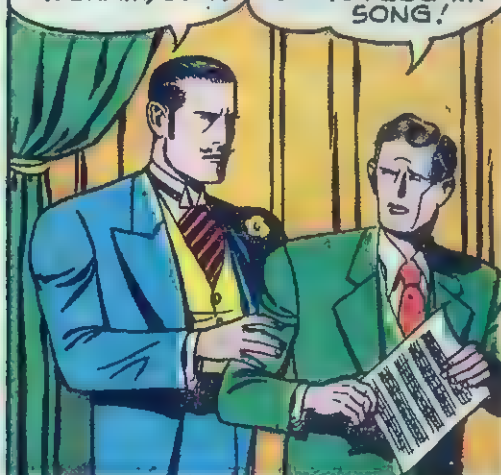
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ARE YOU ON THE PROGRAM, SON?

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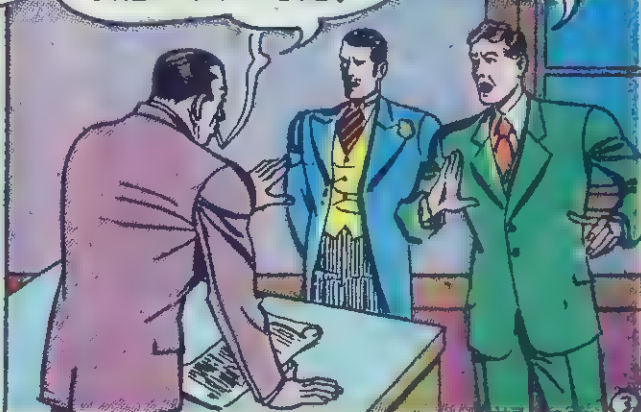
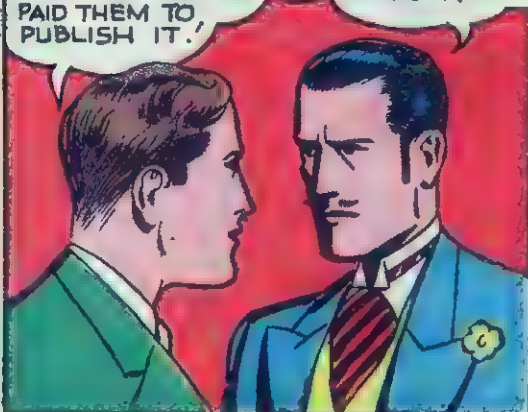


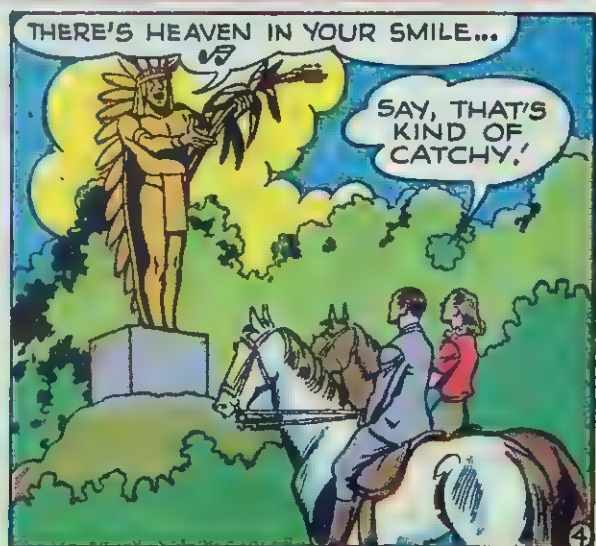
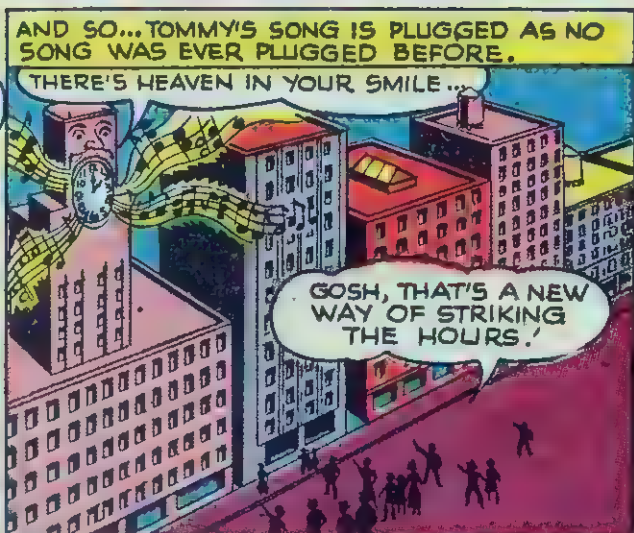
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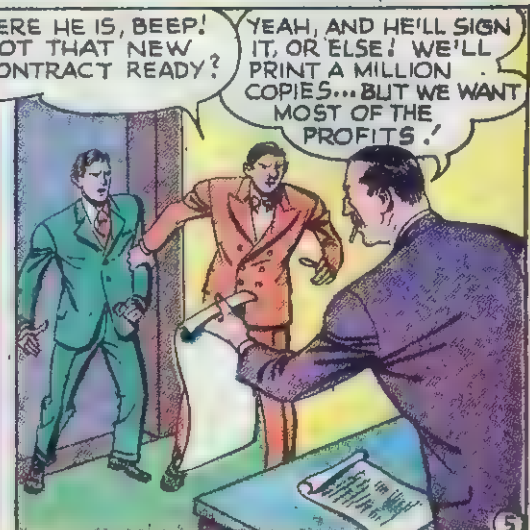
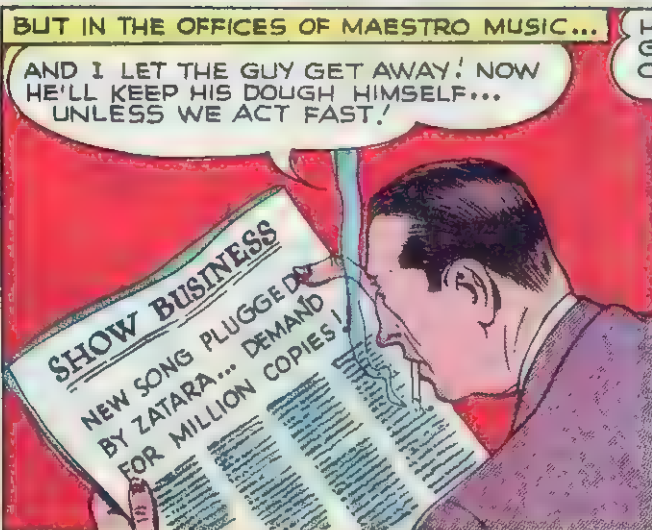
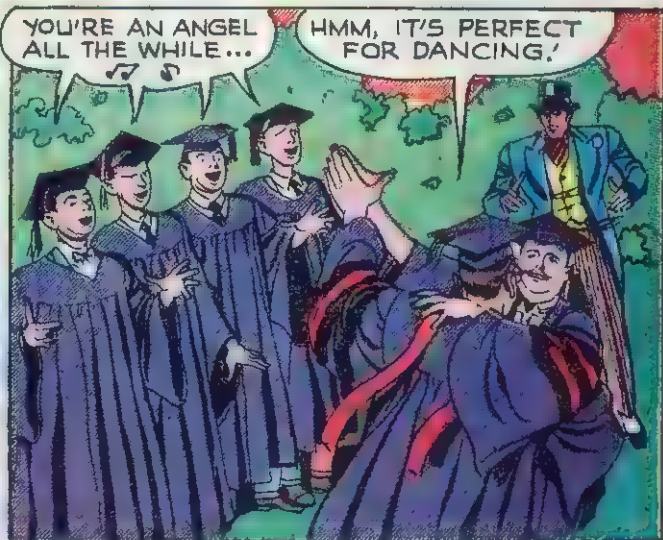
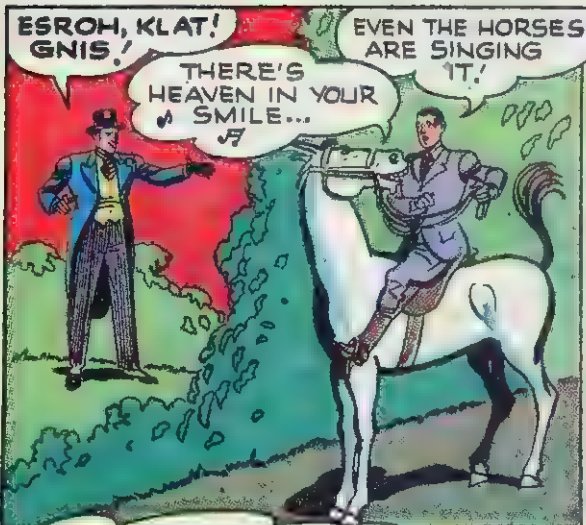
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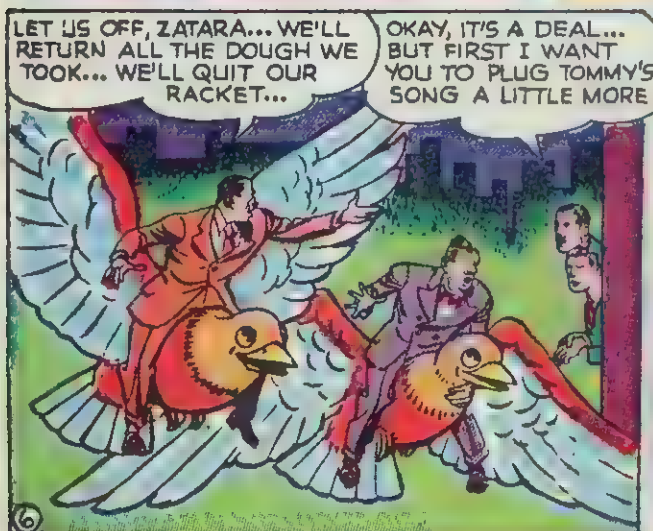
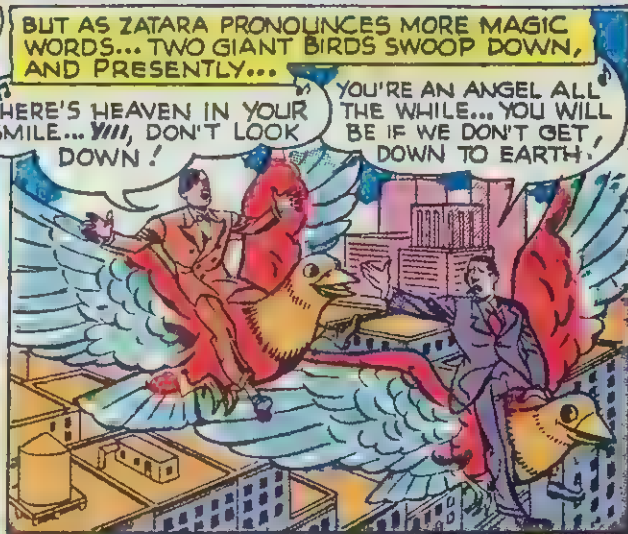
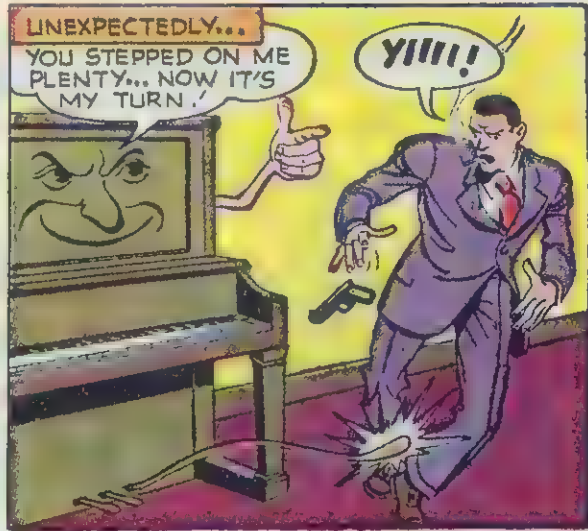
THIS IS NO RACKET, ZATARA... MY SCHEME IS LEGAL! I'M GONNA PUBLISH FIVE COPIES OF HIS SONG, LIKE I PROMISED!

FIVE COPIES! I NEVER AGREED TO THAT!











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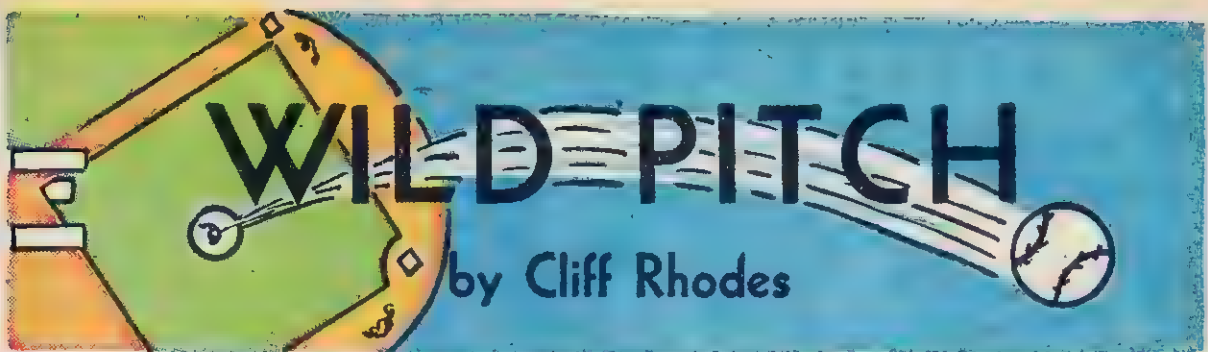
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IT WAS the last game in the little World Series of the All-State League and the last chance "Scatter Shot" Sims was going to get to prove that he had finally overcome his wildness in the pitcher's box.

From the beginning of the season Scatter Shot was mentioned by sports writers as a big league prospect but there was always a big "if" that took all the pleasure out of their praises.

As one writer put it: "When he has control Sims tosses the old apple so straight and fast that even the catcher doesn't see it until he plucks it out of his glove. IF he could only control those wild ones that pop up every now and then, maybe it would be safe to watch him pitch without having to wear a steel helmet!"

That was Scatter Shot's weakness and the weakness that won him his nickname. He would go along for seven innings pitching a no-hitter. Then suddenly the ball would get away from him and when it did it might land anywhere. A couple of times his pitches landed in the stands. Once he hit an umpire and found himself on the bench for three weeks.

All of this explains why Scatter Shot didn't get a chance to pitch during the last three crucial weeks of the season. Manager Hagen of the Kootville Knights wasn't taking any chances on those wild ones.

Day after day Scatter Shot went through his pitching practice, but he was never given a chance to get into the vital games in the home stretch. It began to look as though he was washed up.

"I'm ready," he told Manager Hagen the day the little World Series started. "Did you notice I haven't been throwing any wild ones during pitching practice?"

The manager looked at him skeptically. "This isn't pitching practice, Scatter Shot," he said. "It's the Series!"

"But I'm ready, I tell you," Scatter Shot

insisted. "I've developed control. I don't get wild any more! Honest!"

"Well, I might need you before the Series is over," was the only encouragement Manager Hagen gave him.

Thus it was that Scatter Shot Sims saw the greater part of the important series from the bench. It wasn't an ordinary series either. The town of Kootville was getting its first chance in years to win the championship, and every one in town was out to see every game—well, almost every one. You couldn't expect the new mayor to be there. He was busy cleaning up the government of the town.

You see, Kootville was really being put on the map—not only by the hard hitting Knights, who were making baseball history for the town, but also by young Mayor Porter, who was seeing to it that Kootville would have the most honest government in the state.

It wasn't until the very last day of the series that the hard fighting mayor made his appearance at the ball park, and then it was only toward the end of the ninth inning, just at a moment when the hopes of the Kootville Knights were fading fast. This was the deciding game, and Kootville had finished its half of the ninth with the comfortable score of 6 to 1. Then the Barrytown Bears picked up their bats and went on a hitting spree.

One by one the Kootville pitchers tried to stem the tide, but the best balls they could pitch were batted all over the park. The bases were loaded and the score had changed to an uncomfortable 6 to 5 when Manager Hagen waved resignedly to Scatter Shot.

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For a while it looked as though he was go-

ing to keep his promise. He threw a hard fast ball right over the center of the plate for a well-earned strike. Then the batter swung at something he couldn't see but the ball was safely embedded in the catcher's mitt. Then another fast one and the first man was out.

The crowd was in an uproar now. The Kootville team was staging a comeback, and Scatter Shot was at the height of his glory. He looked over to the grandstand box where Mayor Porter was seated and couldn't help but notice a big smile on the mayor's face. There was new courage in his heart, and with amazing skill and control he struck out the second batter. This time the crowd went completely wild.

Again the determined pitcher looked in the direction of the town's mayor, and again he saw a big smile of encouragement. As if in answer to this smile he tossed another perfect strike across the plate. Scatter Shot wound up again and a second strike whizzed by the dazzled batter while the crowd yelled hysterically. Scatter Shot had apparently achieved pitching perfection. One more pitch, and the baseball championship would belong to the proud town of Kootville.

The whole fate of the game depended on that one pitch, but Scatter Shot knew his control wouldn't fail him now. Proudly he started to wind up for this last pitch, and as he did so, he looked once more toward the mayor's box. As he did, a sudden chill ran down his spine. All thoughts of the important game, that was in his hands, left him. He had to make a quick decision, and without a moment's delay he made it.

In the dugout Manager Hagen, hardened though he was to the ups and downs of baseball, had been watching Scatter Shot's performance with a lump in his throat.

He had just said to himself, "There's a boy that's going to make some big league team proud of him!" when before his astonished eyes he saw Scatter Shot hurl the ball directly at Mayor Porter's box.

A groan of disappointment came from the crowd, and it was almost as loud as its cheers had been. Manager Hagen didn't hear it, however. It was drowned out by his own groan, as he held his hand over his eyes.

"I should have known it!" he almost sobbed. "I should have known he'd come through with that wild pitch!"

Then he jumped to his feet and dashed out of the dugout. He expected to see Barrytown Bears scooting gaily across the home-plate. Instead something had happened temporarily to bring the game to a halt. All the players were rushing toward Mayor Porter's box. When Manager Hagen got there, some of them were holding the arms of a desperate looking character, and the mayor was examining an automatic revolver.

"Remarkable!" Mayor Porter was saying to Scatter Shot Sims. "You knocked the revolver right out of his hand, just as I saw him pointing it at me! Guess the underworld doesn't like my type of government!"

It took a little while before order was restored and the game resumed. Scatter Shot looked back to Manager Hagen as he started toward the pitcher's box.

"Just one more pitch," he said, "and THIS one won't be wild!"

"Don't worry, boy," Manager Hagen called after him encouragingly. "That last wild pitch of yours was plenty good enough for me!"

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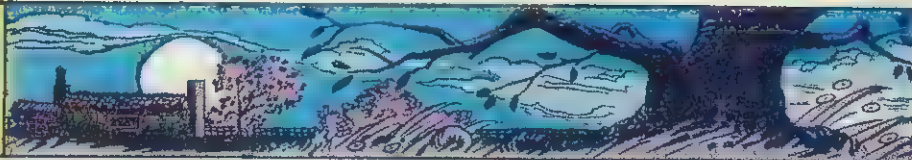


LONG BEFORE HE REACHED ARGENTINA ON HIS WORLD TOUR, GREG SANDERS, COWBOY TROUBADOUR, HAD HEARD WILD TALES OF THE GIANT GAUCHO WHOSE BANDIT CREW WAS TERRORIZING THE PAMPAS! HIS BOLAS, THEY SAID, COULD TIE UP A STAMPEDING STEER—OR A FLEEING MAN—AT 200 PACES! THEN FATE, IN THE FORM OF A BROKEN WATCH, THREW THEM TOGETHER AND IT WAS UP TO THE *VIGILANTE* AND HIS PAL, STUFF, TO PLAY DAVID TO THE GAUCHO GOLIATH THEY CALLED...

"EL BOLEADORO!"

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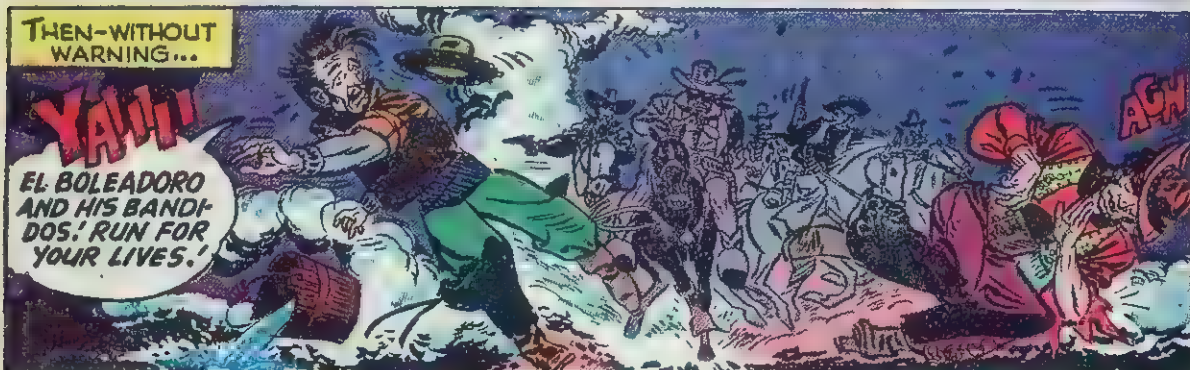
A LONELY *ESTANCIA*—
AN ARGENTINE CATTLE
RANCH IN THE HEART
OF THE ENDLESS
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THEN—WITHOUT
WARNING...

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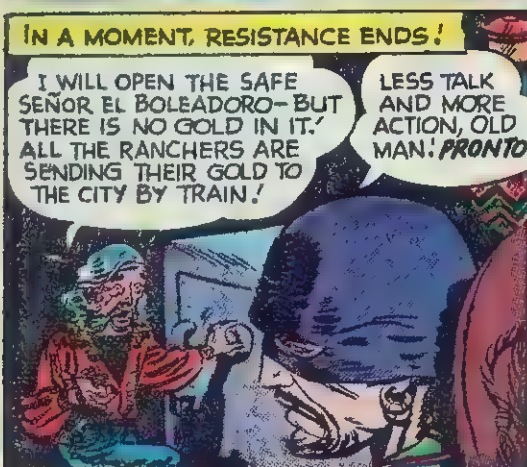
EL BOLEADORO
AND HIS BANDI-
DOS! RUN FOR
YOUR LIVES!



IN A MOMENT, RESISTANCE ENDS!

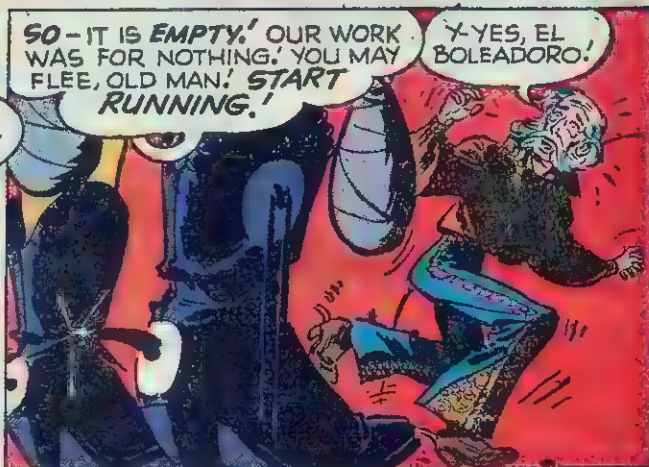
I WILL OPEN THE SAFE
SEÑOR EL BOLEADORO—BUT
THERE IS NO GOLD IN IT!
ALL THE RANCHERS ARE
SENDING THEIR GOLD TO
THE CITY BY TRAIN!

LESS TALK
AND MORE
ACTION, OLD
MAN! *PRONTO!*

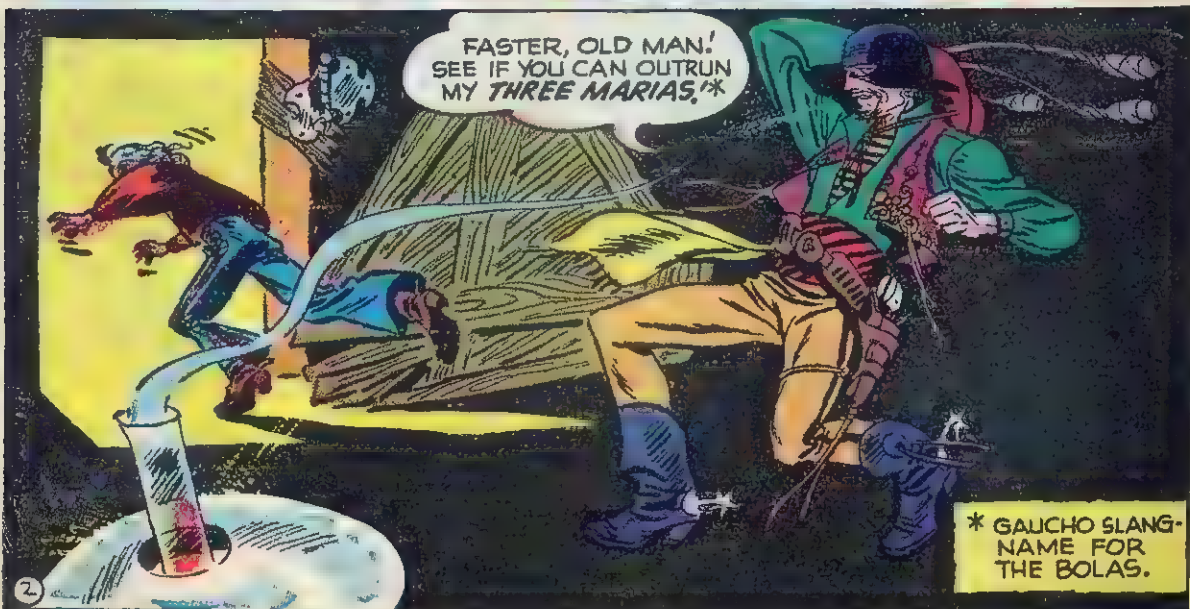


SO—IT IS *EMPTY!* OUR WORK
WAS FOR NOTHING! YOU MAY
FLEE, OLD MAN! *START
RUNNING!*

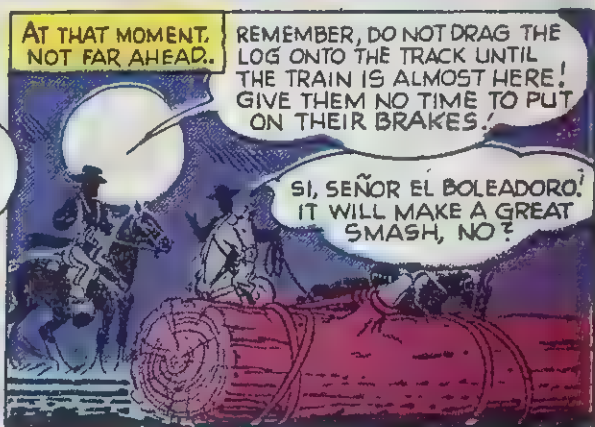
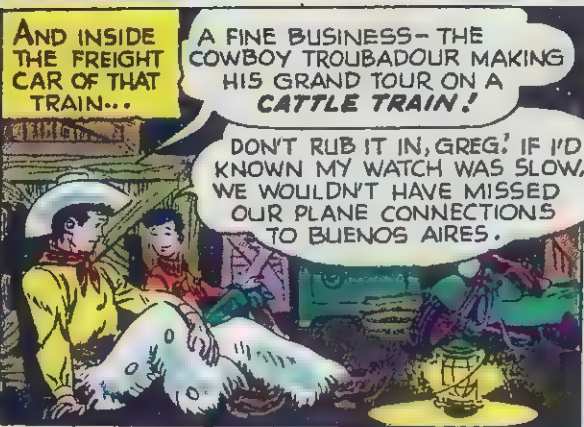
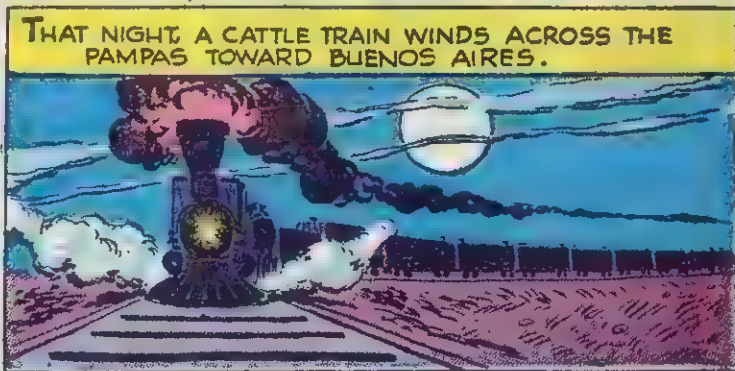
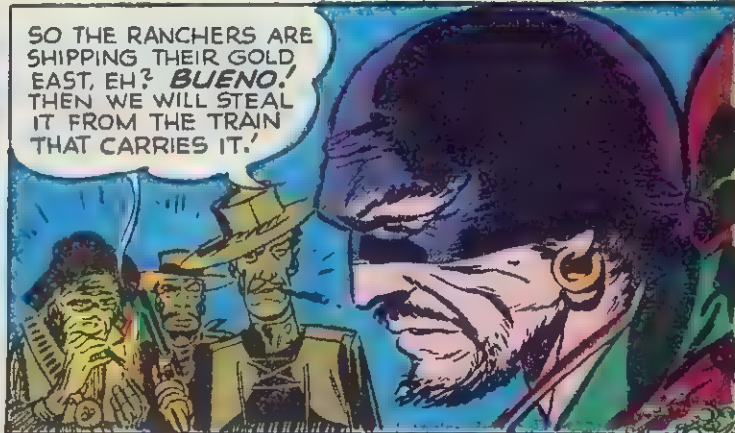
Y-YES, EL
BOLEADORO!



FASTER, OLD MAN!
SEE IF YOU CAN OUTFRAN
MY *THREE MARIAS*!*



* GAUCHO SLANG—
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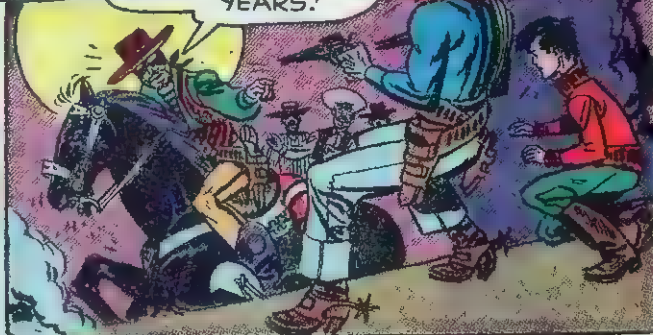
STUFF! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, BUT... EEW! ARGENTINE-STYLE OWL-HOOTERS, GREG! AND LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT BOSS-MAN, WOULD YOU?

A LIGHTNING CHANGE, AND...

THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I DO TO BANDITS AND TRAIN-WRECKERS: I'VE HEARD OF YOU, TOO, EL BOLEADORO! GET YOUR HANDS HIGH!

THE SAFE IS IN HERE! DRAG IT OUT AND... ZAMBAMBA! EL AMERICANO VIGILANTE! I HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR EXPLOITS FOR YEARS!



CARAMBA!

THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO!

PING

BANG



DROP ALL YOUR WEAPONS, AND...

VIG!
L'LOOK OUT!

THE FRIGHTENED CATTLE, BURSTING FROM THE WRECKED CARS, STAMPEDE BETWEEN VIGILANTE AND HIS PREY!

WHAT A BREAK FOR THAT OUT-SIZED OUTLAW!

VAMOS, AMIGOS! LUCK IS WITH US! LET THE GOLD GO AND ESCAPE!

GOT CLEAN AWAY—AND NO CHANCE OF TRAILING THEM IN THE DARKNESS!

HEY, VIG! OUR MOTORCYCLE'S OKAY! IT FELL ON PILES OF COWHIDE THAT CUSHIONED THE SHOCK!

SAY!—YOU'RE TAKING THE SAME DIRECTION THOSE BANDITS DID!



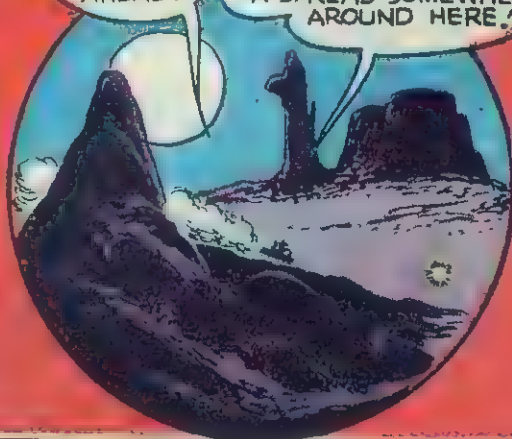
I KNOW! I'D LIKE TO FIND THE GAUDY GORILLA AND WHITTLE HIM DOWN TO SIZE! KEEP A SHARP LOOK-OUT FOR SIGNS OF LIFE!

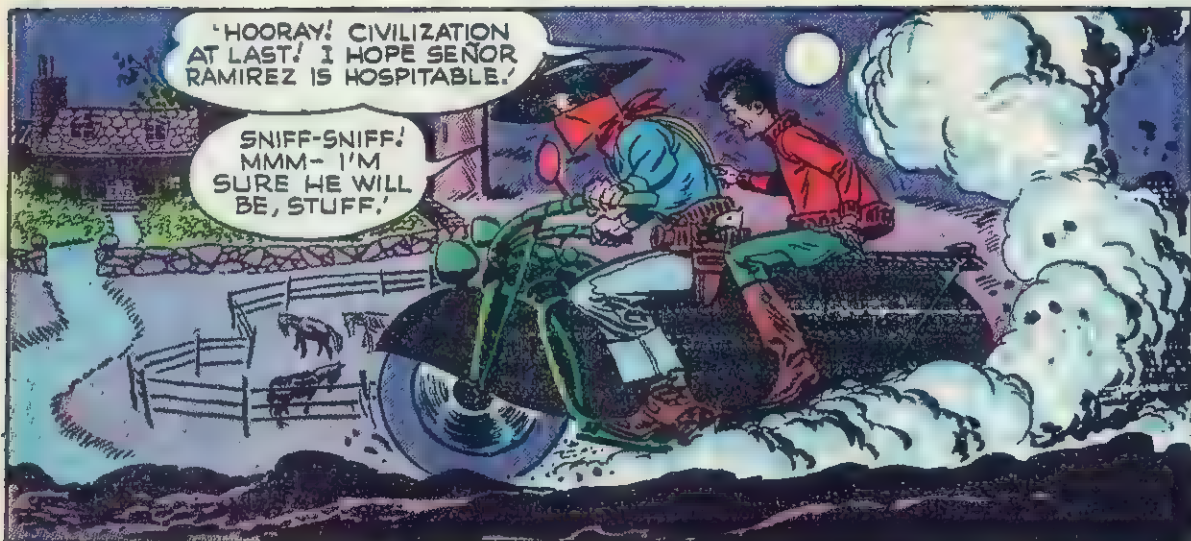
BRRR! SIGNS OF **DEATH** WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE! I'VE HEARD HE KILLS PEOPLE JUST TO WATCH 'EM FALL OVER!

AN HOUR LATER...

HEY, VIG! THERE'S A LIGHT AHEAD!

THAT MUST BE ESTANCIA RAMIREZ! I HEARD OF A SEÑOR RAMIREZ WHO HAS A SPREAD SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!





SEÑOR RAMIREZ GREETES THEM WARMLY...

THIS IS KIND OF YOU, SEÑOR RAMIREZ! I WAS AFRAID THERE'D BE NOBODY HOME TONIGHT. (SNIFF-SNIFF.)

NEVER FEAR, SEÑOR VIGILANTE. NONE OF MY MEN DARES SET FOOT OUTSIDE AT NIGHT WITH EL BOLEADORO RUNNING LOOSE.



AFTER TELLING THEIR STORY...

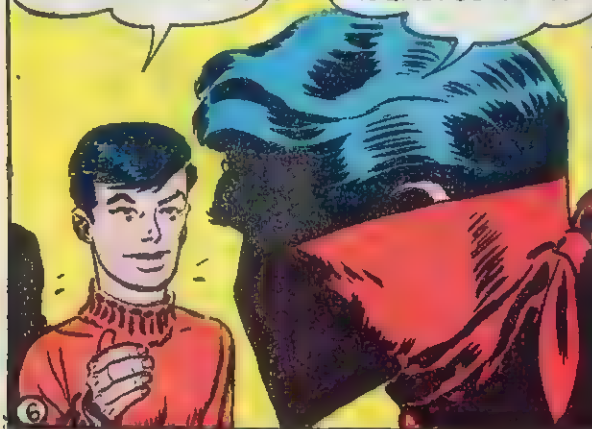
THIS IS YOUR ROOM. I WILL SEND A CREW TO THE WRECK AT DAWN AND MY CAR WILL GET YOU TO BUENOS AIRES BEFORE TOMORROW NIGHT.'

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, SEÑOR.'



VIG, ARE YOU CATCHING COLD? YOU'VE BEEN SNIFFING EVER SINCE WE GOT HERE.'

NOT A COLD, STUFF-JUST A COUPLE OF NASTY IDEAS! COME ON...



FOLLOW ME AND DON'T MAKE A SOUND, STUFF.'

ARE YOU SURE YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT, VIG?





I DON'T GET THIS AT ALL!

YOU WILL-RIGHT IN THE NECK-IF YOU DON'T KEEP QUIET!



WITHOUT ANY WARNING, POWERFUL FLOOD LIGHTS GO ON!

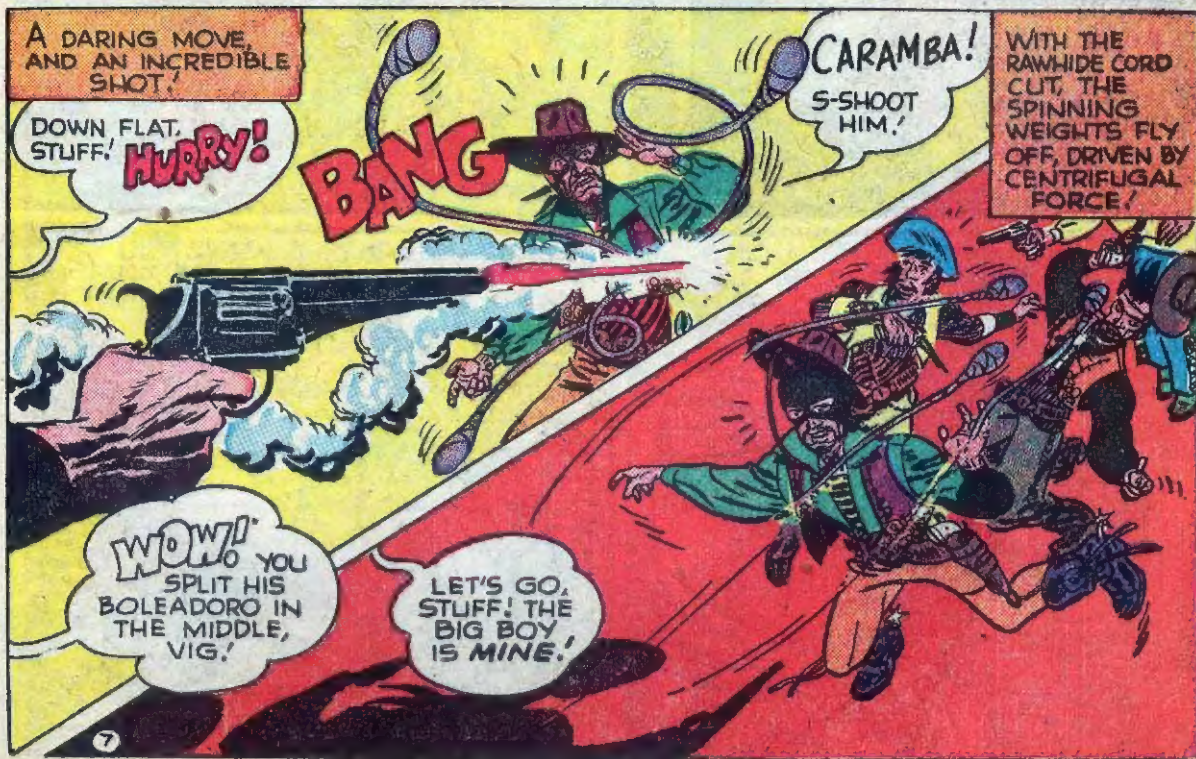
GOING SOMEWHERE, SENOR VIGILANTE?

ULP!
TOO LATE!



THE GIANT ARM WHIPS OUT...

PERHAPS MY THREE MARIAS WILL PERSUADE YOU TO STAY-FOREVER!



A DARING MOVE, AND AN INCREDIBLE SHOT!

DOWN FLAT, STUFF! HURRY!

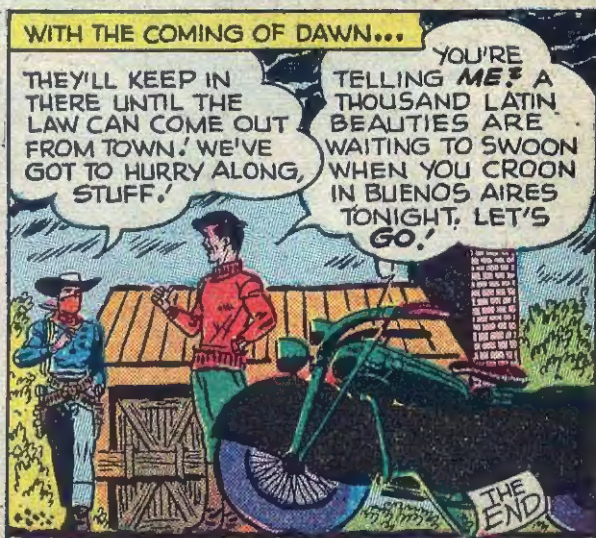
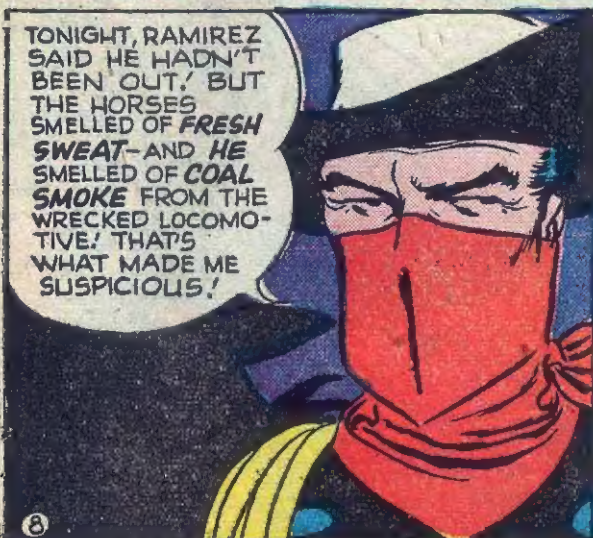
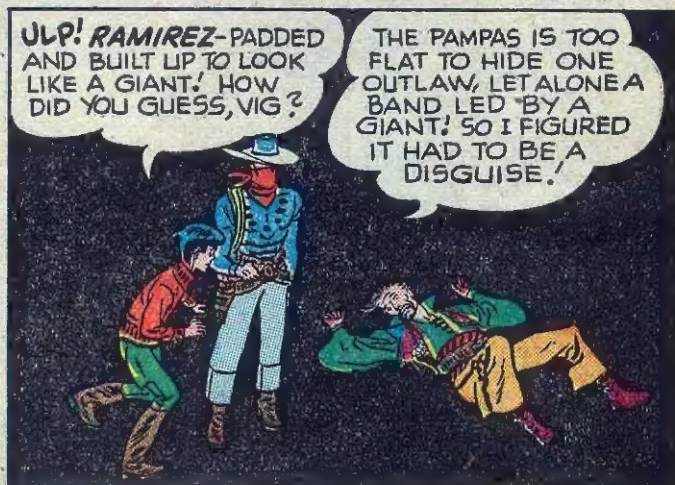
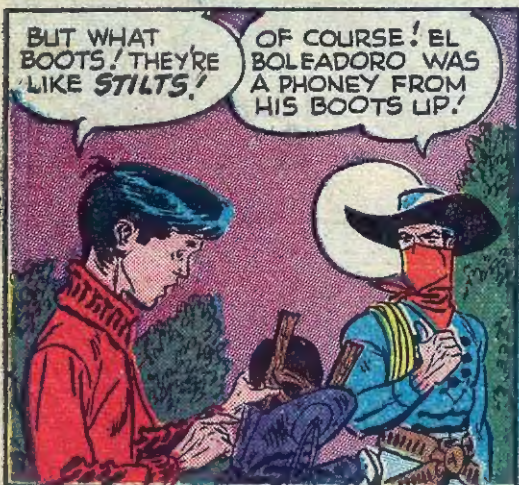
BANG

CARAMBA!
S-SHOOT HIM!

WITH THE RAWHIDE CORD CUT, THE SPINNING WEIGHTS FLY OFF, DRIVEN BY CENTRIFUGAL FORCE!

WOW! YOU SPLIT HIS BOLEADORO IN THE MIDDLE, VIG!

LET'S GO, STUFF! THE BIG BOY IS MINE!



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The New Thom McAn BLOCK-BUSTER

SMART? Well, just look at that husky Wintermaster grain leather upper—the handsome leather instep strap—the gleaming metal buckle with six-sided eyelets to match—the saddle-stitched reverse welt. To top it off, the grooved ski-boot heel has "class" written all over it.

The BLOCK-BUSTER is all-new in style—but it has the good old solid Thom McAn comfort. You get extra room in the toe, and the soles and uppers are as flexible as they are tough. And when it comes to long wear, those special "Thom-Flex" soles walk right away from leather. Boy, they're really THICK—A WHOLE HALF-INCH OF LONG WEAR! They just dare you to take them through rough going—cold, rain, slush, mud, or snow!

You'll Never Guess the Price!

Best of all, the price-tag is still the real McAn—only \$4.99 for sizes 3 to 5½ (Denver & West \$5.39); and \$6.65 for sizes 6 to 10 (Denver & West \$6.95). When your friends start raving about this razor-keen style, they'll never dream you ever got them for such a low price!



Notice the sporty heel—it has a special groove just like a ski-boot!

Check These Snappy Features:

Heavy Wintermaster grain leather upper • Instep strap for snug fit • Metal buckle with large six-sided metal eyelets to

match • Extra thick Thom-Flex soles measure a WHOLE HALF-INCH • Saddle stitched reverse welt • Solid leather innersole

**AT YOUR NEAREST THOM McAN STORE
OR USE THIS COUPON TO ORDER**

Get a pair today at your Thom McAn store. If your nearest Thom McAn store doesn't carry the BLOCK-BUSTER (or if there's no Thom McAn store in your town) use the coupon to order by mail. (Please add 25c for postage and handling.) Make sure you're the first in your neighborhood to wear the BLOCK-BUSTER. Order a pair today!

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Rush me a pair of "Block-Busters" in size.....

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